



THIS SUNDAY: St. Stephen's Annual Meeting and Potluck
Sunday, November 12, 2023 - following the 10 A.M. Service.
We need 50 qualified voters (16 years or older) present for a quorum.
More information and links to detailed information can be found below.

St Stephen's E-News

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Honoring Our Veterans



We honor those who have answered the call of the Good Shepherd and put their lives at risk for our sakes. On this 104th commemoration of Veterans Day, we give thanks to God for their service and keep them in our prayers.

St. Stephen's Veterans

Bonnie Bautz	Wes Delaney	Goldie Kennedy	Michael Trank
Michael Bautz	Dan DiGregorio	James Knight	Lou Volk
Mike Boyd	Lew Felton	Richard Neill	
Ira Allison Brown	Lee Halstead	Allan Reiss	
Scott Chippendale	Dean Hartley	Jim Rousey	

Funeral for Mike Boyd – St. Stephens

The funeral for Mike Boyd will be held at St. Stephen's on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 2 p.m. The service will be in the Nave with an interment in the Memorial Garden following the service. The Daughters of the King will provide a reception in the Parish Hall after the interment. All are welcome to attend the service, interment and reception.

This Sunday – November 12, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost - November 10, 2023

=>Due to the Annual meeting, there will be ONE service <=

10:00 AM: Choral Eucharist/ Rite II - in the Nave (live streamed)
Bulletin for the service can be downloaded [here](#).

Adult Christian Formation

No Adult Formation due to the Annual Meeting

Christian Education Schedule - Following 10:00 AM Service



**Sunday
November
12th**

Primary Fantasy of trees	Intermediate I Fantasy of trees	Intermediate II Fantasy of trees
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Our plan is for the kids to make ornaments for trees we will donate to Fantasy of Trees for Children's Hospital. We will all meet in the Catechesis room to make the ornaments.

2023 Annual Meeting and Brunch

The 2023 St. Stephen's Annual meeting will be held **THIS SUNDAY** immediately following the 10:00 AM Service. It will be live-streamed for those who cannot attend; however, all voting will be done in person only. The children will go to their Sunday School Classes while the Parish Meeting is going on. Classes will be dismissed when the meeting ends so that they can rejoin their families for the Brunch.

The agenda includes remarks by Fr. Bailey Norman and Senior Warden Courtney Manrod. A representative from the Finance Committee will present a financial report to the parish. There will be three votes at the Annual Meeting:

Vote to amend the By-Laws.

Election of 4 Vestry members.

Election of Diocesan Convention delegates (3) and alternatives (3)

We are proud to introduce Craig Brent, Alan Liby, Benjamin Shassere and Tyler Walker as the 2024 Vestry nominees. The Delegates for Convention are Judith Delaney, Bill Lawrence, and Leah Bailey, and the alternates are Roger and Deb Johnson, and Linda Twohig. We will also thank the four wonderful representatives of the congregation who are rotating off: Barbara Steele, Jim Rousey, Rachel Kirk, and Cyril Meredith III.

2023 Annual Meeting Documents

The documents for the meeting are available for you to view and/or download. Use the links below:

- [2023 Annual Report](#)
- [2024 Vestry Nominees Bios](#)
- [2023 Financial Report](#)
- [2023 Proposed Bylaw Changes](#)

This letter was featured in the October 2023 Evangel:

- [What is the Mission of St. Stephen's: Thoughts from Fr. Norman](#)



Please join us for Brunch following the Annual Meeting. Parish Life will provide a ham, juices, and hot beverages. If you are able, please bring a favorite brunch dish-sweet or savory- to share with your fellow "St. Stephenites".

If possible, please drop off your dish by 9:45 AM. If you are unable to bring a dish to share this time, come and join us anyway...you can bring a dish another time!

This Week's Events - St. Stephen's Parish

Saturday, November 11, 2023, 10:00 AM-Usher Training

We are always in need of ushers and many hands make light work. Ushers serve in a vital role at our parish services. We greet newcomers, assist worshipers, distribute the offering plates, and serve as the important communion "traffic cops"!

On November 11, 2023, John Cox will present an Usher Orientation training, at 10:00 AM in the Nave. The training will take from 1 to 1.5 hours. If you wish to become an usher and cannot make this date, please email John Cox at johncox2155@gmail.com

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 - Holy Eucharist 11:30 AM

Join us in the St. Alban's Chapel for Holy Eucharist - Rite I / Healing Service.

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 - Supper & Study: 5:30 to 6:45 PM

Our Wednesday night program will conclude this week.
Supper starts at 5:30 PM. No RSVP for dinner needed - just come and join us!
- We are using a study guide provided by Daily Grace called "Follow Me." It will take us through this very quick-moving and action-packed account of Jesus' life and ministry.
- Our nursery will be open, and we will provide activities for our kids during the time the adults are in study.

Upcoming Parish Events

Saturday, November 18, 2023 – Quiet Day – 1:00 – 4:00 PM



We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Advent, Book of Common Prayer, p. 160

During the frenzied preparation for Christmas, we all experience difficulty finding quietness essential to listening to God. The Advent Fast beckons us to intentional watchful waiting such that Christ will find in us “a mansion prepared for himself.” We invite you to join us for an afternoon of rest, re-orienting ourselves towards the spirit of holy expectation.

St. Stephen's Daughters of the King (St. Agnes Chapter) will be sponsoring a **Quiet Day on Saturday, November 18th from 1 to 4 pm**. Fr. Ashton will provide a very meaningful time of preparation for Advent with the exploration of Advent themes found in three stories from the Gospel of St. Luke. There will be periods for prayer, silence and reflection. The afternoon will conclude with a service of Holy Eucharist. This event is open to everyone - women AND men. Please join us!

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 – 6:00 PM **Movie! A Plymouth Adventure**



We all love the adventure and powerful meaning that the first Thanksgiving brings. Take a few minutes to recapture the joy and thrill of it all and to learn more about it.

This movie won an Academy Award for Special Effects and was directed by Clarence Brown (ring a bell?). Spencer Tracey captains the vessel and rules with an iron fist. Other stars on the Mayflower are Gene Tierney, Van Johnson, Lloyd Bridges and others.

So, join this cast on 1620 in England as they board the Mayflower to sail for the New World.

The movie will be shown in the Parish Hall - *Popcorn and soft drinks included!*

Thursday, November 23, 2023 - Turkey!



St. Stephen's will hold its traditional Thanksgiving Day events this year - a 10:00 AM Service followed by a traditional Thanksgiving Day meal.

Turkey and ham will be provided. We invite you to bring a side dish. Regardless of whether you can bring something, please come and join us as we celebrate.

Saturday, December 2, 2023: SHHH...IT'S A SILENT AUCTION!



On Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 5:30 PM, St. Stephen's will hold a Silent Auction to support the mission and ministry of the church.

You can make a donation or see the donated options on our website - check it out!

[St. Stephen's Silent Auction](#)

Your help is needed by donating and then coming to the Auction and bidding!

DONATING - The options for donations are endless!

Items that have been donated so far include hand-made charcuterie boards, sterling silver earrings, 2 tickets to Wicked, offers to wrap Christmas gifts and decorate Christmas trees, framed prints and photos, children's bikes, a tea-lovers basket, and a "Buc-ees"- lovers basket.

COME TO THE AUCTION - Fellowship, food, and the auction!

On Saturday, December 2, 2023, the auction will begin at 5:30 PM. Highest bid wins! Afterwards, we will have an Italian-themed potluck. Parish Life will provide beverages and bread. Please consider what you can contribute to this endeavor and make plans to attend as we enjoy time together. Thank you in advance for your support!

Sunday, December 14, 2023 - Blue Christmas - 7:00 PM

On Sunday, December 14, 2023, St. Stephen's will hold its annual Blue Christmas service. This service is held close to the winter solstice, the longest night of the year, and is a time when we can acknowledge with others the "blue feelings" that come during this time of year. For those who have lost a loved one, these feelings can be intense. For others who have suffered a different loss, such as health or financial hardship, this can be a time of pain and fear.

We hope you will join us in the fellowship of the spirit, as we can come together in the everlasting grace of God and the eternal love in Christ.

Sunday, December 17, 2023 - Lessons and Carols - 5:00 PM



Watch for more information in a future e-newsletter....

Daughters of the King (DOK)

There will not be a regular monthly DOK meeting on Sunday, November 12, 2023. Instead, please make plans to attend **St. Stephen's Annual meeting** which will be held that morning following the 10 am service.

Our next regular DOK meeting will be on Sunday, December 10, 2023, in St. Alban's Chapel following the 10 am service. Our ministry highlights for that meeting include Altar Guild and the Caring Meals ministry.

Stewardship

Sunday, November 19, 2023 - Last Day for Pledge Cards

Pledge cards will be collected and blessed at both services.

Lay Pastoral Caregiving Program - January 2024

Mark your calendars! St. Stephen's Clergy and the Pastoral Care Committee will begin a new lay pastoral caregiving program (postponed from this Fall due to scheduling challenges). If you have questions about the Companionship training program, or to express interest in participating, please email Frs. Bailey or Ashton.

Outreach Spotlight

This Week's Loose Offering: November 2023

This week's loose plate offering will go to the Church Women United's Blankets+ Campaign.

This November, Think Blankets!

Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me. - Matthew 25:40 (KJV)

You can read more about this mission at [Website: Church Women United](#). Thank you for your support!

Ministry Updates

Support our Blessing Box - This Week's Request: Peanut Butter

This week, we ask the parish for donations of peanut butter and canned fruit. Please be aware of size limitations inside the Box - thank you!

Ongoing Church Events

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

We continue our program of Prayer, a guided study by Tim Keller. For more information email james.rousey@aol.com.

Wednesday WOW - lunchtime for ORHS juniors and seniors

Our Walk Over Wednesday (WOW) will continue this week.

Wednesday Men's Group - Pollard Room, 8:30 AM

Thursday Contemplative Prayer (Zoom) - 4:00 PM

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

Helpful Links

[Those Who Serve](#)

[Calendar of Events](#)

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

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



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