



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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

April 9, 2021

2 Easter

Acts 4:32-35

Psalms 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

SUNDAY WORSHIP

It's still the Easter Season, which will last for 6 more weeks. On **Sunday, April 11, 2021**, we welcome The Rt. Rev. Brian Cole, Bishop of East Tennessee, who will be celebrated with two services: 9 A.M. livestream and an in-person, outdoors worship with baptism and confirmations at 11:00 A.M. in the Grove. Please refer to the Outdoor Worship Guidelines on Page 2.



Bishop Brian has recorded a sermon entitled "[We are also Misfits](#)", for the Second Sunday of Easter. Enjoy!



As a reminder, in the event of rain, the in-person worship will be cancelled.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Due to the Bishop's Visit, and the return to two worship services on Sundays, we will not host a *morning* Coffee Hour Zoom meeting in April. We still plan on hosting the Evening Social Hour at 5 p.m.



Evening Social Hour is at 5 p.m.

Evening Meeting ID: 816 4332 4827
Password: 999944

PASTORAL CARE

JOIN US AS WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

- Mary Jeanne French
- Sharon and Arthur Frost, III
- Jonnie and Robert Gallinger
- Christine Gammage
- Carol and Walt Gardner

Please include these people in your prayers.

EYF

This week we have a couple of events for you. This Sunday Caleb is one of those being confirmed. After the 11:00am church service we will meet in the parish hall for cupcakes. This will be a short get together, but Sunday evening at 7:00pm at Ascension there will be a screening of *Brother Bear!* Please join your fellow East Tennessee youth. Can't wait to see y'all Sunday!



~ Molly, Youth Co-coordinator

BLANKETS + CAMPAIGN

To aid struggling communities in the U.S. and abroad, St. Stephen's is collecting contributions for the Blankets+ campaign run by Church Women United through June. Donations will go toward rent and food assistance, clean water and sanitation, hygiene supplies, blankets, and livelihood programs. Our Outreach Committee will match up to \$300 in donations. Please mail a check written to St. Stephen's with "Blankets+" on the memo line.



HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

The annual Holocaust Remembrance Service is open to the public, and is jointly Sponsored by Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge (JCOR), and Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church (ORUUC), on Sunday, **April 11, 2021, from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

Program includes candle lighting ceremony, readings, song, and prayers. The closing Speaker is Benno Kimmelman, music by Chuck Brodsky.

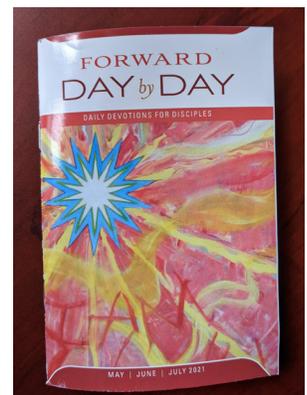
Holocaust Remembrance Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 892 8146 4708
Passcode: 313101



FORWARD DAY-BY-DAY

The latest issue of the daily devotional Forward Day-By-Day for May, June, and July 2021 have arrived! Please feel free to pick up a copy when you pick up communion this Sunday! Or, if you would like it delivered with your communion bread delivery, or any other time, please let us know!



*Wishing you a glorious
Easter Season!*



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OUTDOOR WORSHIP GUIDELINES & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Here are the guidelines for resumption of in-person OUTDOOR services. Included in this document are both safety protocols and descriptions of the service. A separate set of guidelines will be issued soon regarding indoor worship; **these guidelines are for OUTDOOR worship only.**

OUTDOOR WORSHIP GUIDELINES

- There will be no limit to the number to attend or pre-registration required.
- Masks and social distancing guidelines will be enforced.
- If possible, please bring your own folding chairs. We will have church chairs available, but if you have your own and can carry them, please do so. You may, of course, sit closely with people in your household, but please sit at least 6 feet away from other parishioners in attendance.
- Communion will, for the meantime, continue to be served in one kind (i.e., bread only). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. We are looking at ways to integrate wine back into the serving of communion, but that is still some ways off.
- The two restrooms nearest the chapel on the second floor will be open and available for use. Access to these restrooms will be available through the ramp door, which will be the only unlocked door in the building. Unless you are scheduled to serve that day, PLEASE DO NOT ACCESS THE BUILDING FOR ANY OTHER REASON.
- There will be no nursery or childcare at this time. Children are welcome and encouraged to attend the service or to use the playground during the service. We are targeting to reopen the nursery once we are back for indoor worship.
- In the event of inclement weather, the outdoor service will be cancelled. This will be the case until we have begun indoor worship, in which case the service can be moved inside for inclement weather. Until then, an announcement will be sent out ahead of time indicating the service is cancelled. You can view that week's service on the livestream broadcasts which will continue.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- DO NOT COME if you have experienced any of the following symptoms within one week of the service: fever or chills, consistent cough, unusual shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, loss of taste and/or smell, sore throat, nausea, diarrhea (symptoms from the CDC webpage)
- Masks will be required. Please do NOT remove your mask for any reason.
- Please maintain appropriate social distancing (at least 6 feet from your neighbors).
- Feel free to dress casually and comfortably according to the weather for that day.
- An usher may assist you in finding a place to sit in order to make sure you have a good view of the altar and also that you are maintaining proper social distancing.
- To limit hand-to-hand contact, service leaflets will be left out at two separate stations. If you need an usher to bring you a leaflet or assist you in any other way, please let them know. They will be glad to assist you
- Once you have established your seating area, please stay in that specific area to help maintain social distancing. Unless you need to go to the restroom, please refrain from walking over to your neighbors and greeting them.
- The two restrooms near the chapel on the second floor will be available for use. Use the ramp entrance to access them. Unless you are serving that day, please do not enter the building for any other reason.
- At the peace, PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR AREA. You may greet others around you from where you are seated or standing through waves and hellos, but please do not walk around to greet other people.
- Communion will be brought to those who wish to receive it, so please remain in your seats. Further instructions will be given at the service, but it will be administered in one kind only (i.e., bread but no wine). The priest will come to you to offer communion or a blessing; do NOT move from your seats. If the priest misses you by accident, please get the attention of an usher and they will notify the priest.
- At dismissal, please pack up your chairs and leave ASAP. Please do not congregate in groups to visit. It will be hard because we miss seeing each other so much, but even though we are outside, we still need to exercise restraint in the amount of close contact we have with each other.