



## St Stephen's E-News

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### The Evangel Returns

This weekend, we will be publishing the Evangel for October 2023. It will be sent out on Saturday, September 30, 2023. As such, the E-News will now become "sound bytes"- and only include information for upcoming events..

We may make more changes based on your feedback and the recommendations of the Communications Team. In the meantime, enjoy!

### 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 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)

### Calendar for the Week

#### October 1, 2023 - Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

There will be THREE services on Sunday:

- 7:45 AM: Spoken Eucharist - in the Nave
- 10:00 AM: Choral Eucharist - in the Nave , live-streamed
- 5:00 PM: Choral Evensong - in the Nave , live-streamed

Bulletins for the services can be downloaded [here](#).

#### October 3, 2023 - Holy Eucharist + Healing Service - 11:30 AM

## NEW! Wednesday Night Supper & Study Dinners Starting October 4, 2023 - 5:30 to 6:45 PM

We are SO excited to begin our new Wednesday night programs - starting Wednesday, October 4, 2023 and going through the middle of November. So what will we be doing?

- **SUPPER** – Each week our time together will begin with dinner at 5:30. Our own Kathy Chippendale will be our chef for each week!
  - We will be providing a preview of the menu before each week, and we will send out requests for RSVPs a few days ahead.
  - While they are preferred to help give us an accurate count for food, you are always welcome to come if you decide you can make it at the last minute!
- **STUDY** – For our resource, we are using a study guide provided by Daily Grace called “Follow Me”, a guide through the gospel of Mark. It will take us through this very quick-moving and action-packed account of Jesus’ life and ministry
- **KIDS** - Our nursery will be open and we will provide activities for our kids during the time the adults are in study.

We will keep the study within this timeframe to allow good opportunities for food, fellowship, and spiritual enrichment while making sure participants (especially kids) get home at a decent hour. Hope to see you there!

## Parish Life Events This Week

### Sunday, October 1, 2023 - A Morning Tea Party!



We are breaking out our finest china and the cloth tablecloths for this auspicious event. We have our teapots ready for YOU!

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.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

## Sunday, October 1, 2023 - Choral Evensong



*Treat yourself to a unique Sunday evening of spiritual nourishment through prayer and song. This is not to be missed!*

After the morning service, our English tea and a quiet afternoon, come join us for a Choral Evensong. Our esteemed team of Music Director Simon, Fr. Ashton, and our world-renowned choir have put together this evening service to share with the parish. The service will be combining the 1662 Book of Common Prayer with a moving selection of music from a group of international composers: Norwegian Ola Gjeilo; British Philip Stopford; and German Felix Mendelssohn. ***Please join us!***

**NOTE: The Evensong will be live streamed on our YouTube channel.**

## Saturday, October 7, 2023 - OR Disabilities Fair

The Oak Ridge Disabilities Fair will be held on Saturday, October 7 from 11 AM – 3 PM at the Oak Ridge Civic Center and Senior Center.

This is sponsored by the Oak Ridge Disability Advisory Board and is being supported by the Oak Ridge Ministerial Association and other organizations. The goal of the event is to foster relationships with those in our community who have disabilities and eliminate the stigma and fear that people feel about having disabilities.

I'm inviting the Parish to support this event through two ways:

- First, ***just show up!*** Those who attend can bring back some of what they have learned to bring greater awareness within our congregation.



**Saturday, October 7**  
**Oak Ridge Disability Awareness & Resource Fair**

Come meet individuals, organizations, community partners, and providers who offer services and products to individuals with disabilities and their families.



- Second, ***we will need some volunteers*** who would be interested in helping put together 50 sandwiches for the boxed lunches that day. **We need help** with purchasing, preparing, and delivering the sandwiches by 10:30 that morning. Please reach out to me if you can help out.

I'm looking forward to seeing you there! *Peace, Bailey*

## Sunday, October 8, 2023 - Blessings of the Animals



Each year on October 4, The Episcopal Church celebrates the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. An Italian friar and beloved saint, he is one of the most venerated individuals in Christian history. He is widely known for his love of nature and animals.

This year we're combining our 10:00 AM service with this tradition. The service will be held outdoors in the Grove. Bring your pet - cat, dog, rabbit, bird, turtle, etc. - or even a favorite stuffed animal - to receive a blessing.

***Please bring your pet in an appropriate carrier and/or a leash.***

In case of inclement weather, the blessing of the animals will be postponed, and the service will be held in the Nave.

## Sunday, October 29, 2023 - Good Lord, It's A Gourd!



Parish Life and the Liturgics Team have put together our very first Boo-Charist! We hope this will become a new St. Stephen's Tradition.

This is a family friendly service where we invite **EVERYONE** - regardless of age - to wear your costume to church. (Of course, you can come as an Episcopal Communicant - that "costume" always works.)

Following the service, we will celebrate with a feast all things pumpkin - and all the other wonderful tastes and aromas of fall. Think pumpkin and apple pies, pumpkin soup, apple cider, pumpkin bread, spice loaves, ginger cookies and apple cake...YUMMMMM!

Share with us your fall favorite - sign up by email to [Leah Bailey](#).

## Christian Education Calendar – Children's Education

For October 1, 2023: There will be NO Children's Education classes so that families can attend our British Tea party!  
*TBD: To Be Determined*

October 2023	November 2023	December 2023
Oct. 1: British Tea Party	Nov.5: All Saints Day	Dec. 3: <b>NO</b> Sunday School
Oct. 8: Blessing of Animals	Nov. 12: TBD	Dec. 10: TBD
Oct. 15: Lesson 7	Nov. 19: TBD	Dec. 17: TBD
Oct.22: Lesson 8	Nov. 26: Thanksgiving	Dec.24: Christmas Eve
Oct. 29:Boo-Charist		Dec. 31: New Year's Eve

## Every Sunday – Adult Christian Education

### Lectionary Bible Study - 09:00 AM In the Pollard Room

- A deep dive in the gospel passage for the week

**NOTE:** Animate: Bible will not meet this week due to the British Tea.

## Outreach Spotlight

We're always looking for new volunteers; just call/text Liz Herbes 865.228.2537. Our next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2023 in the Pollard Room, starting at 5:00 PM.

## This Week's Loose Offering

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

## Support our Blessing Box – This Week's Request: Cleaning Supplies

This week, we ask the parish for donations of cleaning supplies. Please be aware of size limitations inside the Box - thank you!

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