



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

WHERE GOD IS SEEN, LOVE IS FELT, LIVES ARE CHANGED.

June 24, 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP

This Sunday is the third Sunday after Pentecost, and summer has officially (astronomically) begun.

Our Sunday readings will be:

- 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
- Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
- Galatians 5:1, 13-25
- Luke 9:51-62

The gospel is about how Jesus was denied hospitality by the Samaritans when he sent messengers. He was going up to Jerusalem, as the time of his passion was approaching and he was about to endure the scorn of the Jews.

SUMMER BREAK

We have several groups and ministries taking a summer break right now:

The youth in **EYF** are enjoying a summer break, and we are having a summer pause in our **Sunday Christian Education** programs. And, our Choir is on their summer hiatus, as well.

We wish everyone on a summer holiday safe travels and a restful break!



WEEKLY PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR PARISH MEMBERS

Chuck and Rachel Kirk, Chloe and Chi
 Chris Kirk and Frankie McGinnis
 Eph and Mary Ellen Klots
 James and Amelia Knight
 Manfred Krause and Denise Caldwell

Please include these people in your prayers.

CLEARFORK CAMP: HOW CAN I HELP?

We are looking for some help with organizing some Clearfork activities and support. We still need snacks, so if you can make a donation, that would be greatly appreciated.

WE DO NEED A VOLUNTEER TO HELP ORGANIZE AND PLACE THE SNACKS INTO SNACK BAGS FOR EASE OF TRANSPORT. This is an important task to help the camp, that is not a big time commitment. We just need someone for a few hours! Please contact Carol Gardner for more details!

Our congregation is extremely supportive in providing snack bags for the families of Clearfork. These snacks are for the children to eat and to provide nutritious treats for the entire family.

The children being home from school during the summer puts an extra demand on the family this year, especially as the cost of food has skyrocketed. I'm sure this is creating extra challenges for families with limited budgets. This is a great opportunity for our congregation to contribute to the Clearfork outreach without traveling up there.

Here is a list of suggested items:

- Beef jerky
- Granola bars
- Peanut butter crackers
- Fruit cups
- Fruit roll ups
- Small packages of nuts
- Lunch-sized packages of Goldfish crackers

We have tried fresh fruit in the past, but it has not been successful, due to its short shelf life and fragility. Thank you for your support!

~ The Clearfork Committee



FORWARD DAY BY DAY

Are you ready for midsummer*? The August, September and October issue of the daily devotional booklet, Forward Day By Day, has arrived! You can pick up your own personal copy in the Hospitality area, the Parish Office, or the Mailroom.

*Yes, August 1st is Lughnasadh, the Gaelic festival marking the beginning of the harvest season, and the astronomical midpoint between the Summer Solstice and the Autumnal Equinox. Now you know!



STAFF HOLIDAYS

During the summer, the staff will be taking some holidays. Fr. Bailey Norman will be out of the office on July 3-4 and 10-22th. Fr. Ashton will be out of the office from July 17 to 26, 2022. Director of Music, Simon Ballintoy will be taking a holiday from July 17 to August 2, 2022! The other staff are still working on finalizing dates and times for vacation. Thank you for your understanding as we plan for some much-needed time off!