



# St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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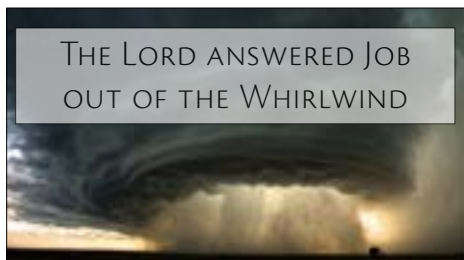
October 15, 2021

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

This Sunday is the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Our readings for Sunday are:

- Job 38:1-7, 34-41
- Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b
- Hebrews 5:1-10
- Mark 10:35-45

We offer three worship services on Sundays: a 7:45 A.M. spoken service, 10 A.M. choral communion and livestream, and 1 P.M. outdoors spoken service, weather permitting!



THE LORD ANSWERED JOB  
OUT OF THE WHIRLWIND

## NURSERY CLOSED

The Nursery will be closed for at least the next two Sundays: **October 17 and 24, 2021.** We appreciate your patience!

## TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join the Tuesday Adult Bible Study as they study the **Sermon on the Mount** (Matthew 5, 6, & 7). The group meets in the library at 10 A.M. on Tuesdays.



Sea of Galilee

## WEEKLY PRAYERS

We pray for Parish Members

Carol Slusher  
Parker and Carolyn Stanley  
Rob and Barbara Steele

Please include these people in your prayers.

## STEWARDSHIP VIEWPOINTS: ADAM BALLINTOY

When I sit down to write about something, one of the first things I like to do is look up the definition of what I'm writing about. I found the best definition of stewardship in An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, which says stewardship is "**our personal response to God's generosity in the way we share our resources of time, talent, and money.**" I used to think stewardship was only about money and how much of it we could give weekly, monthly, or annually to the church. But during my time at St. Stephen's my personal idea of stewardship has broadened to be more in line with the above definition.

By now, we've heard from several people, and we will continue to hear from several more over the coming weeks about this season of giving and the different ways our offering of time, talent, and money propels the ministry of St. Stephen's forward. One of the beautiful things about our community of faith is that our ministry is supported by the whole community.

We give our time and talents through the ministries, committees, and groups we volunteer with weekly or monthly. There are countless opportunities for service and some require more of our time than others. Volunteering our time isn't about being the most committed (and probably the most stressed), but about finding something that sparks joy each time you serve. Opportunities for service include joining the AV team and streaming our worship one Sunday each month, being a greeter and meeting people outside before service on Sunday, singing in the parish choir. The list of possibilities is almost endless. You can find a list of committees and the name of the person to contact on our website underneath "Members" in the menu bar. Many hands make light work and however much time you can contribute will be appreciated.



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We give money because it allows the church to pay our clergy and staff, maintain our building and grounds, pay for things I know we appreciate like running water, electricity, bulletins, and office supplies. Our monetary offering also supports the many ministries and groups in our community and our outreach in Oak Ridge, East Tennessee, and Haiti. When thinking about the amount to pledge financially, consider what this community means to you and how your contribution can support St. Stephen's today and in the future.

Every time I think of stewardship, an offertory sentence based on I Chronicles 29:14 comes to mind: "All things come of thee oh Lord, and of Thine own have we given thee." Through these words we are invited to remember the gifts we have received and to give back a portion to the community we love.

--Adam Ballintoy



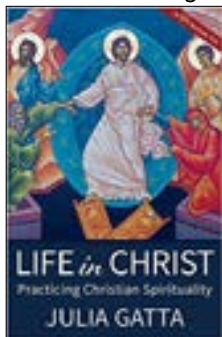
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## LIFE IN CHRIST

"Life in Christ begins with baptism." is the focus for this week study and discussion of Life in Christ: Practicing Christian Spirituality by Julia Gatta. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 11:30 A.M. We have several copies of the book available in the Parish Office! Come get one!



~ Ashton Sims

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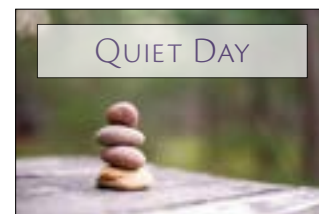
Following lunch and Sunday School, we will continue discussing the results of the Myers Briggs Personality test. The weather is supposed to be nice so come prepared to go on a hike. Pick-up will be at 3:00 P.M. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

~ Craig Brent



## DOK QUIET DAY

On **Saturday, November 6, 2021**, the St. Agnes chapter of Daughters of the King, is sponsoring a quiet day. The event is open to everyone from everywhere. This year's theme is "Listening to God". The program will be led by the Rev. Claire Keene.



## VACATION TIME

I will be on vacation from **October 18-22, 2021**, and will return to the Parish Office on Monday, October 25, 2021.



Thanks to the Hospitality Volunteers, the phones will be answered next week from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Fr. Bailey and Fr. Ashton will be in the office on their regular schedules.

I will be taking some much needed rest and restoration!

Paraphrasing Night Prayer from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer,

*"This time is for rest and stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God. It is a rest after a long year.*

*What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done;*

*Let it be."*

I will be with you again soon, my friends!

~ Elizabeth Pack

## ALTAR FLOWERS

There are two openings for Altar Flowers in November: November 7 and November 21st. If you

would like to sign up for either of those Sundays, please write your name on the corresponding poster outside the Parish Office. Altar Flowers are \$65 and the Ambry Candle is \$5. Thank you!



## SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS RESUMES NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Well, it's been awhile since we last met – about 17 months, I think, but with precautions such as masks and spacing, Fr. Bailey and I think we can safely resume the Sunday Bible Class.

We will begin on **9:00 A.M., Sunday, November 28, 2021** in the Pollard Room. This time we will be looking at the ministry of Jesus, using the short Bible Project videos, as we did for the last part of the Old Testament.

I look forward to seeing everyone. I hope you can make it.

~ Jack Campbell



## ANNUAL MEETING - EDITED

We have an edited video, which is **only** the [Annual Meeting](#), not the full worship service. It's a 90-minute video, and we cover a lot of information! Enjoy!