

May 28: Pentecost Sunday

Service Bulletins

Service bulletins for Sunday's 7:45 a.m. Spoken Eucharist and 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist will be available on the church's website **here**.

St. Stephen's Updates

Please read the attached note from Fr. Bailey. These are his reflections on his time away during medical leave and his (and your!) reflections on the next steps in the life and growth of St. Stephen's. Click here for Fr. Bailey's
Journey

The Office will be closed Monday, Memorial Day. Enjoy the weekend and stay safe.



Pentecost Sunday Wear Red

Join us Sunday, May 28, as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit that descended on the first Pentecost. Please join us in the Parish Hall

following the service for the Holy Ghost Weenie Roast. There will be burgers, hot dogs, plant based burgers, and all the fixins'.

Grounds Work Day

Grounds workday Saturday May 27, nine to noon. Help us spruce up for Pentecost. Many tasks, most unskilled and non-strenuous. Contact Brent (865-607-7015), brentsigmon@me.com) or Nancy (865-548-6109),

ncarow@mac.com) with questions.



Outreach Focus for May

This is the final Sunday for donations, either monetary or of *much-needed items not purchasable with Food Stamps*, for Brysonn's Closet Food Pantry.

Many of you may be unfamiliar with Brysonn's Closet, located in the old Anderson's Hilltop Market at the corner of West Outer Drive and Illinois Avenue. In the back of the Brysonn's Closet Thrift Store is a small food bank that serves over 100 individuals a month from Anderson, Roane and Morgan Counties. The folks who come to Brysonn's are some of the poorest of the poor. After meeting with a caring worker, essential food items as well as pet food (if needed) and hygiene/cleaning items are given to the family. Brysonn's Closet is a non-profit totally supported by donations.



Clearfork Camp

The Clearfork Camp committee requests donations of old magazines, brown or white paper bags for skits, and snack bag contents.

Magazines will be used for arts and crafts activities, while paper bags will be used for other fun activities. We are requesting non-perishable items such as granola bars, trail mix, and other healthy snacks to keep our campers energized throughout the day and to share with their families.

Donations can be dropped off in the hospitality center during regular business hours, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Opportunities Abound

One element of "living your best life" is having a purpose. Service to others is one form of purpose.

Here at St. Stephen's there are many opportunities to be of service. Some don't require much time, i.e. serving as an usher on Sunday morning requires, at most, an extra hour.

Other service opportunities may require more time but there are many areas of church ministry that can use your Time and Talent in addition to your Treasure. Please don't hesitate to volunteer. Everyone has a gift to share.

To request after-hours assistance please call the church's landline, 865-483-8497, and follow the voice prompts to "Pastoral Emergency" (Option 2).

The church's office hours are 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Offices are closed on Fridays and weekends.

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