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SUNDAY WORSHIP

This **Sunday, July 18, 2021**, we will have two services of **Morning Prayer**: 9 A.M. worship outside in the Grove, and 11:00 A.M. indoor worship and livestream in the Nave.



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NEW STAFF MEMBER

We are delighted to announce a new staff member! Please welcome Sherry Burchfield as our Director of Christian Education. Sherry comes to us with a wealth of experience in educating young children, and is passionate about instilling a love of God into our youngest members!

CLEARFORK THANKS

Sixteen eager, enthusiastic children and several hardworking, caring adults in the Clearfork community are extremely appreciative of your generosity and support by way of the Reading Camp this summer. Your emissaries, the Reading Camp team, are impressed by, and grateful for, the generosity and compassion of this parish. Many thanks to all of you who gave abundantly of your time, talents, and donations of monetary gifts, cameras, photo paper, snacks, magazines, etc. You make the Reading Camp possible. Thank you!

PASTORAL CARE

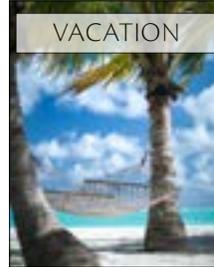
THIS WEEK, WE PRAY FOR PARISH MEMBERS:

Andie Lenhard and David McClanahan
Alan and Judie Liby
Gay Marie Logsdon

Please include these people in your prayers.

FR. BAILEY'S VACATION

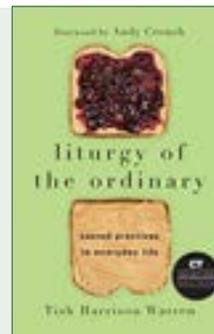
Fr. Bailey will be taking some well-earned and much needed vacation to "parts unknown" from **Monday, July 19 through Saturday, July 31, 2021**. He will be returning to worship on Sunday, August 1, 2021.



Pastor Steve Damos will preside on July 25, 2021 at the 9 and 11 A.M. services and the Rev. Claire Keene will preside at the Tuesday Holy Eucharist + Healing Services. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Steve Herbes at 865-250-9123 or liznsteveherbes@yahoo.com.

ADULT BOOK STUDY

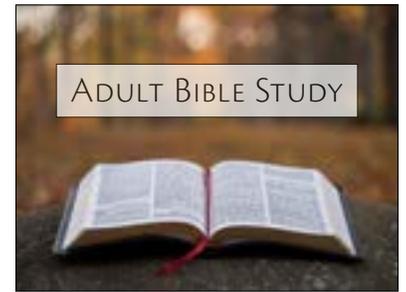
As our program year kicks off **August 15, 2021**, please join us from 11:30 to 12:15 on Sunday mornings for a guided study through a wonderful book called *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren. Warren is an Anglican priest but also a wife and mom who shares her experience of finding deep connections with God through the mundane rituals of the day. From brushing her kids' teeth to the maddening frustration of losing her keys, each of these experiences invites her (and us through her wonderful storytelling) to a deeper understanding of our baptism, the Eucharist, and our rich life of daily prayer.



This study is perfect for all people, and it will be especially helpful for the many of us who live at a frenetic pace due to our jobs, families, and all of our other daily responsibilities.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Adult Bible Study will begin a series, The Parables of Jesus, on Tuesday mornings at 10 A.M. in the library. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in lively discussions. The group dismisses at 11 A.M., in time to attend the 11:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist and Health Service. Join us.



BRIDGE REFUGEE SERVICES

Bridge Refugee Services is really in need



of dressers, lamps, and end tables, with **dressers** being the most needed. Katie Goshen is the contact for Bridge Refugee Services and will make arrangements to collect the donation. Katie can be contacted by email or phone, cat.goshen@yahoo.com call or text: 865-232-8956

You will find your faith affirmed, deepened, and expanded to include not just the "religious" experiences of church and community but the regular rituals of our daily routine that invite us to a greater awareness of and dependence upon God.

The book is readily available online both in print and digital forms. Please order a copy and begin reading ahead! If you need any assistance in getting a copy, please contact the Parish Office.

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ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Small group theology exploration will be offered beginning in the middle of August. Have you ever thought about all of the connotations of the spiritual words we use every day? Do you think about how you would explain the meanings of those words to a friend who was not churched? Do you think about how different faith traditions use the same words very differently? If these questions interest you, come join us for a deeper exploration of the meanings of these words and your experience with them.

Please bring notebooks or pads of paper and something to write with because we will begin each exploration by writing about what these words mean to you personally. As people are willing, we will share as much or little of these writings as we are comfortable doing with each other. I look forward to seeing you there.

~Jamey Kennedy



ST. THERESE'S GUILD

Do you know what happens to the Altar Flowers after Sunday? St. Therese's Flower Guild breaks down the arrangements and makes several mini-bouquets that are placed around the church and delivered to people in the hospital!



At the moment, we have only two volunteers carrying on this caring ministry, and one will be recovering from knee surgery soon, and won't be able to get to church.

If you are interested in joining this creative and meaningful ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 865-483-8497. This is a rewarding ministry that needs new floral volunteers!

INSPIRING THOUGHT

