



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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

February 25, 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP

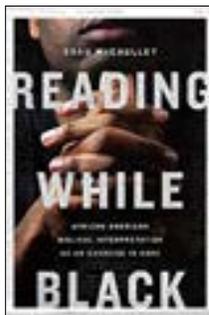
On the seventh Sunday after Epiphany, and our readings will be:

- Genesis 45:3-11, 15
- Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42
- 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
- Luke 6:27-38

Jesus tells us to love our enemies and to offer the other cheek if someone strikes us. How do we “do to others as you would have them do to you” in a turbulent world?

EPIPHANY BOOK STUDY

Fr. Bailey will cover with Chapter 7 and the Conclusion of “Reading While Black: African American Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope” by The Rev. Dr. Esau McCaulley.



THE LIFEGIVING HOME

Our second book study The Lifegiving Home by Sally Clarkson, will be led by Emily Doane on Sunday at 11:45 a.m. in the Pollard Room.



EYF

EYF will meet this Sunday, February 27th following church and Sunday School. We will be setting-up the Parish Hall for Shrove Tuesday's Pancake Dinner. Please come prepared to move tables, chairs, etc. in preparation for Tuesday. We should be finished by 1:30 P.M.



On Tuesday, March 1st, it would be great if the kids could be at the church by 4:00 P.M. We need to start making pancakes soon thereafter since people will be arriving for dinner at 5:30 P.M.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Lent is just around the corner, which means that our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is near! Please join us on **Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.** for our traditional pancake supper and Burning of the Palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday and Lent.



BRING IN YOUR PALMS

If you saved your palm cross from last year's Palm Sunday, please bring it to church on Shrove Tuesday at our pancake supper, March 1, 2022. We will burn them to be the source of ashes on Ash Wednesday. You can also bring your palms from last year and drop them off outside the Parish Office or in the Narthex. Thank you!

ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be three services of Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 6:30 A.M., 12:10 p.m., and 7 p.m. These services will in-person, held in our Nave - the first “real” Ash Wednesday since 2020!



INQUIRER'S CLASS

We are excited to offer an Inquirer's Class on Wednesday evenings, from March 9, 2022 through April 6, 2022. A light dinner will be served from 6 to 6:30 P.M., with the class going from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. A sign-up form will be sent out next week, so that we can plan for food.



If you are interested in being confirmed in the Episcopal Church, or want to explore what it means to be an Episcopalian, this is the class for you! More information will be forthcoming, and we hope this plants a seed of curiosity!

WEEKLY PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR PARISH MEMBERS

Mary Cooper, Lilly and Vivian
Robbie Cordani
Judd Cornell and Katie Ownby
Dustin and Stacy Cox,
Thomas and Matthew

Please include these people in your prayers.



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MITE BOXES

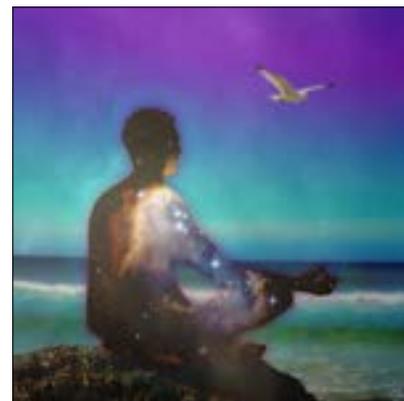
Just before Lent, we will be making **Mite Boxes** available to everyone in the church. This is a Lenten tradition in which we make a special offering, which will be collected and blessed on Easter Sunday. This year, the offering will be given to benefit our Outreach Ministry efforts. You can pick up a Mite Box in the Narthex.



CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

THURSDAYS AT 4 P.M. ON ZOOM

Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent, is fast upon us. Might this be a perfect time to try a practice of **Contemplative Prayer**? If so, we invite you to join us via Zoom each Thursday at 4 p.m. through Lent. The half-dozen or so of us "regulars" use several different individual practices, but each is, at heart, simply sitting silently for 20 minutes in the presence of the Divine. With several verbal prayers and some time "catching up" with each other, we're usually done by 4:45. If you would like to learn more, or request a Zoom email invitation, please contact the co-convenors, Liz (865.228.2537) or Steve Herbes (865.250.9123; lizsteveherbes@yahoo.com).



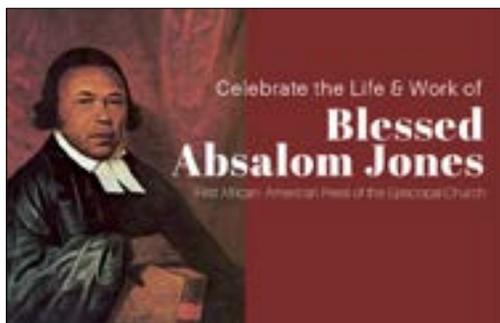
We'd love to welcome you on our Zoom screen this coming Thursday!

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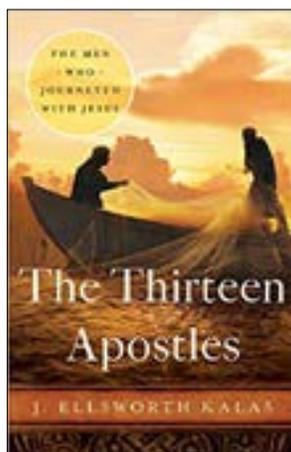
This year's Absalom Jones service will be at **Good Samaritan on Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.**

If you would like to learn a little more about the first African American Episcopal Priest, please watch Fr. Bailey's [video on Absalom Jones!](#)



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Beginning on Sunday, March 6th at 9 A.M., the Rev. Dr. Paul Scheirer will lead a Bible study from the book The Thirteen Apostles written by J. Ellsworth Kalas. We will look at one Apostle each week. Dr. Scheirer believes participants will find Rev. Kalas to be a knowledgeable and inspiring instructor. Rev. Kalas writes, "I pray that something about the lives of these storied figures will help you move a step closer to the Lord who called them and who has called you and me."



NEEDED: WEED CONTROL SERVICES

Last year we used a contractor to help keep our garden beds weeded—with moderate success. But that contractor is not providing such services this year. If you know of anyone who could provide such a service, on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, please contact Brent Sigmon (865-607-7015 or brentsigmon@mac.com). This is mostly a hand weeding need, with minimal chemical control. We have tried to reduce the size of our garden beds, but the task is still beyond the capabilities of our volunteer gardeners.

