



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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

December 3, 2021

SUNDAY WORSHIP

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent. Here are the Sunday readings:

- Malachi 3:1-4
- Canticle 4: The Song of Zechariah
- Philippians 1:3-11
- Luke 3:1-6



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

“WHAT ABOUT THIS JESUS GUY?”

Soon after Jesus was baptized by John, he began his mission. What were the disciples' initial reactions to him? Or the peoples' reaction, or the Jewish leaders'? St. Matthew answers these and other questions in the first book of the New Testament. We will look at this Sunday at 9 A.M. in Room 209. We hope you'll join us. ~ *Jack Campbell*



ADVENT BOOK STUDY

Christmas or confusion, Bethlehem or bedlam: which will you choose this year? This week's chapter from "Finding Bethlehem in the midst of Bedlam", helps us remember Christ came to set us free."



WEEKLY PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR PARISH MEMBERS

Daryl and Karen Yearwood
Keegan, Fiona

Please include these people in your prayers.

2022 DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The 38th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in East Tennessee will be **February 5, 2022**. The deadline for the certification and registration of delegates and clergy is **Wednesday, December 15, 2021**.



Please contact the Parish Secretary if you are interested in attending as a delegate or alternate. Thank you!

EYF

EYF will meet on Sunday, December 5, 2021. The pool table is gone and we've moved the television and couches into the former pool room. It looks a lot better and is more comfortable and functional! We have also installed a ROKU so we can stream movies now! Please join us this Sunday for a relaxing afternoon which includes a festive movie, snacks and drinks. Pick-up will be around 2:30 P.M. Hope you will come and check-out the new and improved youth room!
~ *Craig Brent*

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Christmas is not always a joyful time for everyone. Memories of loved ones who have died rise to the surface, reminding us of their absence during the holidays, and we feel keenly the heaviness of loss. The Blue Christmas service at St. Stephen's will give you an opportunity to slow down and receive some healing in worship with fellow strugglers. Come join us on **Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 6 P.M.** in St. Stephen's Nave.

BLUE CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We are in the midst of planning an exciting, new Christmas Pageant this year, and we are looking for a headcount for kids visiting during the holidays who would like to participate in the pageant! Please contact Sherry Burchfield at cedco@ststephensorg.org, so we know how to begin casting our Pageant! ~ *Sherry Burchfield*



LESSONS & CAROLS

The Parish Choir will present the story of the coming of Christ with hymns and carols on the 4th Sunday of Advent on **December 19, 2021 at 5 P.M.** This liturgy is centered around spiritual preparation, quiet reflection, and joyful expectation.



CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY

We are pleased to offer a **Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist at 4:30 P.M.** in the Parish Hall, as well as a joyous **Carol Vigil and Festal Choral Eucharist on Christmas Eve, starting at 10:00 P.M.** This service will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

We will be having a lovely Christmas Day service of Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. in our Nave, when we will celebrate the Nativity of our Lord!

