



# St. Stephen's E-NEWS

...Where God is seen, love is felt and lives are changed!

September 3, 2021

15 Pentecost

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalms 125

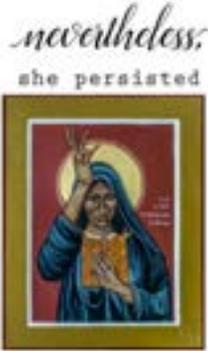
James 2:1-17

Mark 7:24-37

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

This Sunday is the 15th Sunday after Pentecost and there will be a spoken service of Holy Eucharist at **7:45 A.M.** and a choral Eucharist at **10:00 A.M.** in the Nave.

Today's gospel is about Jesus's seemingly harsh words to the Syrophenician woman, and his subsequent healing of her daughter. It's confusing, disturbing and frequently misunderstood. If today's lesson does not offend you in some way, then you are not paying attention!



## WORSHIP TRAINING

We are scheduling a Worship Training day on **September 18, 2021 from 9 to 11 A.M.** Breakfast and plenty of coffee and tea will be available! We request all lectors, acolytes, eucharistic ministers, and ushers to attend. We have some new folks who are learning, and Fr. Bailey would like to give a refresher to our experienced servers! This is actually Fr. Bailey's first opportunity to meet with all of our worship team!



## ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendar! Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held **Sunday, October 3, 2021.** We will have ONE service at 10 a.m., and the Annual Meeting will take place during the normal sermon time. The meeting will also be livestreamed on YouTube.

## ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

Committee reports are very kindly requested no later than **Friday, September 17, 2021.** If you head a committee or ministry, please submit your report as soon as possible, so the Annual Report can be created, edited and published in a timely manner. Please send your reports to Elizabeth via email at [secretary@ststephensor.org](mailto:secretary@ststephensor.org). Thank you!

## OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2021 in observance of Labor Day.



## TIDYING OUR GROUNDS

Grounds Work Day, **Saturday, September 18, 2021.** Start early to beat the heat! We'll meet from **9 A.M. to 12 P.M.** to tidy and beautify our grounds. Contact Nancy Carow 865-548-6109 or Brent Sigmon 865-607-7015!



## VESTRY NOMINATIONS OPEN

Our Annual Meeting is set for **October 3, 2021.** At that time, we will elect 4 parishioners to serve a three-year term on Vestry. You are invited to nominate candidates. You may make nominations to the church office or to the Nominating Committee (Nancy Anderson, Barbara Bovee, Judy DiGregorio and Lew Felton). Our By-laws specify that nominees should be adult, confirmed communicants in good standing. The nomination window closes on **September 19, 2021**, two weeks before the Annual Meeting. You may nominate yourself or others, with their permission. Think about it!



## TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us Tuesday at 10 A.M. in the Pollard Room for Bible study. This coming week we'll look at the attraction of tax collectors and sinner to hear Jesus talk about lost sheep and wineskins. Currently, the Bible study group is discussing the parables of Jesus.

## PASTORAL CARE

### THIS WEEK, WE PRAY FOR PARISH MEMBERS:

Bailey and Sara Norman, James Henry Cammie Owens  
James and Elizabeth Pack, Philip David Parker and Anne Gladman  
Andrew Payzant and Linda Twohig

*Please include these people in your prayers.*

## EYE

EYE will not meet this Sunday, September 5, 2021 We are off for the Labor Day Holiday. We will meet on Sunday, September 12th. Following Sunday School on September 12th, in the Youth Room and lunch, we plan to go to Clark Center Park in Oak Ridge, weather permitting. Please bring your swimming gear. Enjoy the long weekend and we look forward to seeing you the following week!

## SAVE THE DATE!

Please mark your calendars for a **Quiet Day**, on **Saturday, November 6, 2021**, sponsored by the Daughters of the King, and is open to all. This year's theme is "Listening to God", and the day will be led by the Rev. Claire Keene. More details to follow in the coming weeks. Please contact Nancy Caldwell 865-548-9871 with questions!