



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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

February 18, 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP

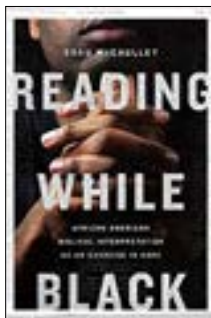
On the seventh Sunday after Epiphany, and our readings will be:

- 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 5 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

EYE will meet this **Sunday, February 20, 2022**. It is our Sunday to prepare breakfast for Sunday School. Please come to kitchen at 10:00 A.M. Everything will be set-up to prepare pancakes and sausage. I'll go ahead and prepare the batter, set-up the griddles, etc. so that we can begin promptly at 10:00 A.M. If you get to church a little early, that would be great. We need to start promptly at 10:00 A.M. to have everything ready when church ends. Following lunch, Fr. Bailey will meet with us for about 10-minutes. After kitchen clean-up, we will meet in the Youth Room for Sunday School then EYF to follow. Pick-up will be around 2:15 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.

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!



LAST CALL FOR HOUSEBLESSINGS

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Epiphany is almost over, and Frs. Bailey and Ashton are still available to offer houseblessings upon request. Please reach out to them, or contact the Parish Office to request a houseblessing!

FEAST OF ST. MATTHIAS

Thursday, February 24, 2022
Morning Prayer Livestream, 8 A.M.

Since it is a major feast day, we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Matthias the Apostle with a livestream service of Morning Prayer, in place of our usual Calendar of the Saints video.



WEEKLY PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR PARISH MEMBERS

Shari Carter, Elizabeth Adam and Rebecca Cavender, William, Tatum and Ellis Scott and Kathy Chippendale Tom and Deborah Clary Jeff and Kelly Cooper, Emily

Please include these people in your prayers.



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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Our own Steve Herbes is a retired licensed counselor who works with persons experiencing loss and life transitions. The **Grief Support Group** provides persons an opportunity to understand the grief experience in a safe, supportive community in which to express and explore their grief.



The Grief Support Group begins next **Monday February 21, and meets until April 4, 2022.** The group will meet via Zoom from 6:30 P.M. to 8 P.M. NOTE: This session is offered by First United Methodist Church, not St. Stephen's. Please visit [FUMCOR's website](#) for more information and to register for this support group.

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.



MORGAN SCOTT UPDATE

The Outreach Committee wants to thank all those who volunteered to help with the Morgan Scott Project, a food ministry for the elderly, disabled and unemployed in Morgan and Scott counties. We have joined other churches in Oak Ridge in this ministry. St. Stephen's will make our first food delivery to Deer Lodge on **February 25, 2022**, and then on the 4th Friday of every month. This is a new project for St. Stephen's and we'll let you know how it works. If you have any questions, please contact John Murphy, murphy5698@bellsouth.net.

ABSALOM JONES SERVICE

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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!](#)

