



# St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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

June 10, 2022

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

This Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost, also known as Trinity Sunday.

We return to our regularly scheduled worship times!

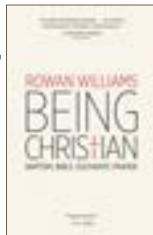
The readings will be:

- Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
- Psalm 8
- Romand 5:1-5
- John 16:12-15



## BOOK STUDY

Fr. Ashton class on Being Christian will conclude on **Sunday, June 12, 2022**, at 11:30 A.M. in the Pollard Room, when we will discuss Chapter 4. In this book, readers will be invited to engage Williams' insights and more deeply engage with realities of faith that are sometimes taken for granted.



## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

We will not be meeting for Bible study this coming Sunday, June 12, 2022. We will complete the study the following Sunday on June 19th. Our last apostle is **MATTHIAS THE HOLY SUBSTITUTE.**



## WEEKLY PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR PARISH MEMBERS

Liz Johnson  
Roger and Deb Johnson  
Charles and Virginia Jones

*Please include these people in your prayers.*

## CAMERON ELLIS RETIRING AS PARISH BUSINESS MANAGER

After 11 years of faithful service, Cameron Ellis will be retiring from his role as Business Manager at the end of June. Cameron began this ministry following the retirement of Liz Johnson in 2011. Over the years, he has ably guided the parish as both bookkeeper and treasurer while also taking on the additional responsibilities of Facilities Manager in 2017.



Cameron will certainly not be leaving us, but this will allow him more time to devote his energies to some other ministries within St. Stephen's. As part of this transition (more on that below), the Finance Committee and Vestry have separated the two positions of bookkeeper - a paid staff position - from treasurer, who is traditionally an appointed officer of the Vestry. Cameron will be remaining in the Treasurer's role at least for the rest of this year (the Vestry elects new officers for 2023 in December). While the role will change, he will also still be engaged in some of his work as Facilities Manager.

In appreciation of Cameron's work in this role, honorariums may be given on his behalf to support one of his passions, our ministry at St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic in Haiti. If you would like to make a donation, please send your checks to the church (marked as "Special Haiti Gift") no later than June 30, 2022.

## NEW BOOKKEEPER, RACHEL DURFEE, BEGINS JUNE 20, 2022

When Cameron informed Fr. Bailey and our Senior Warden Judith Delaney of his intention to retire, the Finance Committee and Personnel Committee began a search for a new bookkeeper. As we entered the search, it became quickly obvious that **Rachel Durfee** was the candidate who stood out.

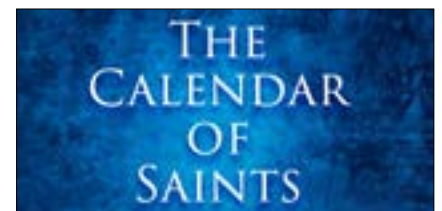


Rachel is a native of Oak Ridge who is a certified CPA and has worked with a variety of companies in accounting and management support. Rachel recently retired and was looking for a part-time position where she could have the flexibility of working fewer hours but also for a not-for-profit company. With her skills and background and with this role first and foremost a ministry, this was the perfect fit for both sides.

Rachel will begin work on June 20, 2022, meaning she will overlap with Cameron for a couple of weeks in the office. When Rachel begins on her own in July, she will work in a hybrid manner. She will be in the office two days a week, but she will also be working from home the other half of the time. She is excited to meet the fine folks at St. Stephen's and continue the good work of stewardship in managing our financial records. Please take the opportunity to come by and introduce yourself to Rachel when she arrives!

## CALENDAR OF SAINTS VIDEOS INTERMISSION!

We are working on resuming our "Take 5 with the Saints" videos! We appreciate your interest and patience as we get back into recording, editing and publishing these informative videos! If you are interested in talking about a specific saint, please let us know!





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## ECUMENICAL STOREHOUSE

Volunteers are needed on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the month of **June, from 9 A.M. to noon.**

The Storehouse is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings for clients to pick up furniture and household goods. Volunteers schedule client visits and select goods for the clients. No heavy lifting is required on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

St. Stephen's is on a rotation of responsibility for assistance at the Storehouse. The rotation is on an eight-month cycle. June is our month.

We also are committed to volunteering on the **2nd Saturday of each month**, all year long. Pick up of furniture is the responsibility on Saturdays.

For questions or to sign up for a day or have a question answered, please phone or text Barbara Hudak-Scheirer at 731-780-5689.

Thank you for consideration of this important local ministry.

## SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

The Diocese will be hosting a Safe Church training at St. Stephen's on Sunday, June 12, 2022, from 1-4 P.M. This is required training for all parishioners who work with children or youth. The requirement also extends to Vestry, staff, and anyone who has regular access to the building (i.e., those who have keys). It is also highly encouraged as a good practice for all parishioners. For those who have had the training, the diocese requires it to be updated every 3 years. If you would like to attend, please register at the following link: [Safe Church Training, Episcopal Diocese Of East Tennessee.](#)



## OFFICE SWITCHEROO

There's something a little different in the office these days...Fr. Ashton Sims and Simon Ballintoy have switched offices! You can now find Fr. Ashton's office across from the Parish Office, in Room 107. Simon Ballintoy's office is now in Room 212 on the second floor, between the Nave and the Chapel.



## CLEARFORK LEARNING CAMP

The Clearfork Learning Camp needs you! This year, we are including a cooking program for the campers that provides simple recipes, food preparation, and basic skills. One part of the program will give the youngsters a chance to become familiar with common herbs and the growing cycle.



We need volunteers to nurture herb seeds in small growing trays as part of a gardening activity. Each volunteer will receive one starter tray and a packet of seeds of one herb to begin the growing process. We'll collect the trays and seedlings from you in early July for use in their craft activities later in the month at the learning camp.

If you are interested, please contact [Carol Gardner](#) at 865-482-4674.