



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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July 2, 2021

6 Pentecost

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

SUNDAY WORSHIP

This **Sunday, July 4, 2021 is Independence Day!** We will have two services of **Holy Eucharist**: 9 A.M. worship outside in the Grove, and 11:00 A.M. indoor worship and livestream in the Nave.



If you are vaccinated, masks will be optional to wear at our indoor worship. We will still restrict the number of pews that are open, and PLEASE do not come if you are experiencing any symptoms of illness. Please know that there will be several people who will still prefer to wear masks. Please honor their space.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, July 5, 2021**, in observation of Independence Day. We'll see you again on Tuesday, July 6, 2021!



PASTORAL CARE

THIS WEEK, WE PRAY FOR PARISH MEMBERS:

Ed Krieg
Jim and Jeanne Kring
Paul and Jennifer Kruzic, Nate and Jonathan
Carey Land, Olivia
Gene and Carol Ann Lane

Please include these people in your prayers.

RETURN OF THE CHALICE

Beginning this **Sunday July 4, 2021**, we will once again be serving wine at communion! But, since we are not quite ready for everyone to drink out of the chalice, we will have a special method for administering it.



The method will be **Priest's Intinction**: Fr. Bailey (or the presider) will intinct (i.e., dip) the wafer into the wine and then place it in your hands. A Eucharistic Minister, or Chalice Bearer, will be holding the cup. The priest will be the only one who touches the wafer and the lip of the chalice during communion.

If you wish to receive wine. Fr. Bailey will quietly ask you if you would like to receive it. If you indicate yes, he will dip the wafer into the wine and place it in your hands. If not, he will simply administer a "dry" wafer to you. **PLEASE**, do not ask him to place the host in your mouth at this time. Simply receive in your hands.

Remember that accepting in one kind (i.e., bread/wafer only) is still considered fully receiving communion. It is absolutely your choice whether you wish to receive the wine or not.

FAREWELL BRUNCH

The Daughters of the King invite the parish to a farewell reception for **Judy Kidd** on Sunday, July 11 at 10 am. Please stay after the early service, or come early to the later service, to wish a fond farewell to Judy!

~Barbara Steele



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Beginning on August 15, 2021

- 7:45 A.M.** Holy Eucharist Rite II spoken service in the Nave
- 9:00 A.M.** Coffee and Refreshments
Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 A.M.** Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Nave (Nursery Provided)
- 11:15 A.M.** LUNCH
- 11:30 A.M.** Christian Education for All Ages (including Nursery)

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN

Now that we are beginning to meet in person again, we are asking parishioners to update their Safeguarding God's Children training. If you are planning on attending the Clearfork Shutterbug Reading Camp, you will need to have a current certificate. We will be sending emails to parishioners whose certification has expired, with instructions for how to renew their certificates.

If you have never taken the training, please contact Beth Reed, who will send you instructions for signing up! Thank you!

~Beth Reed



SUMMER DIRECTORY

The Summer 2021 Parish Directory has been updated, and will be sent out via email next week. Please let the Parish Office know if you have any corrections by sending an email to Elizabeth at secretary@ststephensor.org.

Print copies are available upon request.



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VOLUNTEERS FOR SHUTTERBUG READING CAMP

Please pray and discern what you can do to help out with **Camp Clearfork**, which is next week, July 7-9, 2021! If you are interested in volunteering, please read the attached blurb on page 2, and contact Carol Gardner.

Here's a list of much-needed items we need people to **donate**:

- Magazines, especially National Geographic type issues with high-quality photos.
- Paper towel or toilet paper rolls
- Photo paper
- Healthy snacks, such as fruit roll-ups, crackers, granola bars, etc. to send home for the families.

Here's a list of much-needed items we need to **borrow**:

- Fully functional digital cameras with memory cards, battery charger and download cables, labelled with your name, so we can return it to you.
- Dress up props for fun photos
- Disco Ball or colored lights to create a fun atmosphere

We also need camp volunteers to attend the camp, as well as a few volunteers to help make "party food" and assemble snack bags at the church. Please let us know how you can help this meaningful camp **Wednesday to Friday, July 7 - July 9, 2021**. Call Carol Gardner via email at gardnerwc73@gmail.com or via her cell phone at **865-304-2093** if you would like to help. NOTE: This is the correct number!



75TH ANNUAL LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee will meet in person in August 20-22, 2021, to renew old acquaintances and make new friends at the DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle, TN. There are some exciting new offerings this year: a Friday Tailgate and Fish Fry, Beer Brewing Contest and expanded BBQ Cook-Off on Saturday! Brochures with more information are available in the Mailroom. Registration is online: <http://tnchurchmen.org>.



Free books!