



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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

November 5, 2021

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

This Sunday is the 24th Sunday after Pentecost, but we will be celebrating All Saints' Day. Thus, our readings for Sunday come from All Saints':

- Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9
- Psalm 24
- Revelation 21:1-6a
- John 11:32-44

We are also delighted to be baptizing three children on Sunday at the 10 a.m. service. Welcome the newly baptized!

Beginning this Sunday, we return to two worship services: a 7:45 A.M. spoken service, and a 10 A.M. choral communion and livestream. We are bidding a fond farewell to our outdoors worship.

EYF

EYF will meet this Sunday, November 7th. There is a Knoxville Episcopal Youth (KEY) event at Church of the Ascension. They are having plenty of activities and dinner is being catered by Moe's (Mexican Grill). The event is from 5:00 until 7:00 P.M.. We will provide transportation. We will leave the church at 4:30 P.M. and will return at 7:30 P.M.. Also, the following Sunday, November 14th, the Oak Ridge High School Masquers will have a performing "Clue." We will be attending the Sunday matinee performance, which begins at 2:00 P.M. and ends around 4:15 P.M. More on that later!

~ Craig Brent

WEEKLY PRAYERS

We pray for Parish Members
Michael Trank
Dan Tuxbury and Kathy Moore
and David Uhrig

Please include these people in your prayers.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

It's that time of year again! Daylight saving time officially ends at 2 A.M. on **Sunday, November 7, 2021**. Enjoy your extra hour of sleep, meditation, or a second cup of coffee!



VETERAN'S DAY

On **Sunday, November 14, 2021** we will remember those who have served in our Armed Forces. As you know, every Sunday, we read a list of those in our parish serving in the Armed Forces. Please send an email to Parish Secretary, Elizabeth Pack, at secretary@ststephensor.org, or call the Parish Office at 865-483-8497, if you have any additions or changes to the names on our list.



COMPASSION CLOSET: NOVEMBER 2021

Christian Education will be collecting items for the Compassion Closet in Oak Ridge all through November 2021. The Compassion Closet exists to show the love of Christ by providing quality clothing and tangible goods to children in foster care and the families caring for them. They also serve birth families, aging-out youth, kinship placements, and domestic/international adoptive families as God allows and the needs arise.

There are currently 8,468 children in foster care in the state of Tennessee, 567 in our immediate region that includes Anderson County. The need for support of these children and families is significant.

Greatest needs include underwear (all sizes toddler-teen/adult), hygiene, diapers, wipes, socks, gift cards for teen clothing/shoes, car seats & boosters and fast food gift cards for children waiting at the DCS offices for placement.

Donations can be made in the Narthex.

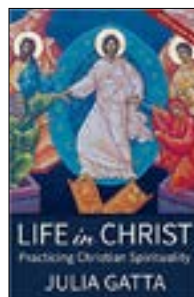
~ Sherry Burchfield



LIFE IN CHRIST

Fr. Ashton will lead the discussion of "Prayer in Solitude", which is the focus for this week's study of Life in Christ: Practicing Christian Spirituality. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 11:30 A.M.

~ Ashton Sims



RESOURCE ROOM CLEANUP

Great news! It's time for cleaning and reorganizing the resource room. If you have items stored in the resource room, please use the red, yellow & green stickers available on the center table to identify your items. Place the red sticker on items that are NOT to be thrown away. Use the Yellow sticker for items still under consideration. Use the green sticker for items that can be discarded. Please write your contact information on your items if there are further questions.

~ Sherry Burchfield



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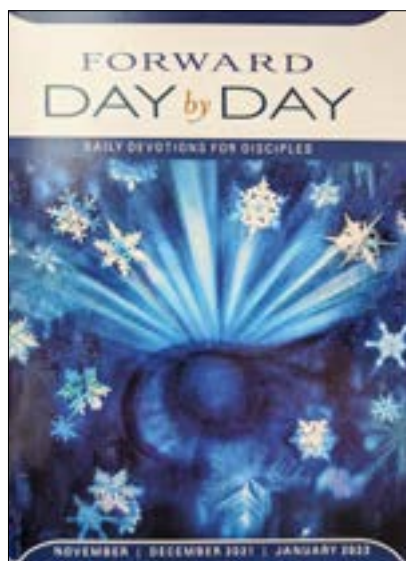
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FORWARD DAY-BY-DAY

The November-December-January issues of Forward Day-by-Day have arrived and are available in the Parish Office and Hospitality area. These booklets offer daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church's Book of Common Prayer.

The daily meditations are rich in substance and a great resource for daily prayer.



RESERVE A ROOM

Please be sure to send the Parish Secretary a request to reserve a room or to schedule an upcoming event, so she can put it on our Parish Calendar! We are having more and more meetings take place in the church building, and it helps to know when and where people will be, especially after the Parish Office Closes.

~ Elizabeth Pack

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

A 9:00 A.M. Sunday Adult Bible Class will begin November 28 in the Pollard Room. It will be a class for beginners and those who want a review. The class material will be at a summary level. No books will be needed as the material will be short videos and discussion. We will center on the books of **Matthew, Mark, Luke and John**. This is a friendly class and we hope you'll come give it a try

~ Jack Campbell



ADVENT BOOK STUDY

FINDING BETHLEHEM IN THE MIDST OF BEDLAM

James Moore writes: Christmas or confusion, Bethlehem or bedlam... Which will you choose this year? The truth is, we don't have to choose, because Christmas always happens right in the midst of our chaos. God breaks into our noisy disorder and is made known in Jesus Christ. Christmas and confusion—weren't they intimately related at the first Christmas when Jesus was born? Sometimes we forget that. That's what this study is about—how Christ breaks into our chaos and confusion and brings Christmas—how Bethlehem always happens in the midst of bedlam.

This study will be held during the Sundays of Advent starting on Nov. 28th by the Rev. Dr. Paul Scheirer, a retired United Methodist minister of the Memphis Conference who attends at St. Stephen's with his wife Barbara.

ADVENT FAIR

On **Sunday, November 21, 2021**, St. Stephen's will celebrate "Falling into Advent."



Included will be Advent Fair activities (wreath making, etc.), family lunch and fellowship. Festivities will begin after the 10 A.M. worship service. No Sunday School that day. Please call Sherry Burchfield or Nancy Anderson to volunteer. We would love to hear your ideas.

~ Sherry Burchfield

BUILDING SECURITY

Over the last few weeks, several doors have been found open and unlocked during **non-business hours**. We kindly ask you to please make sure that **all doors are locked**, especially as you leave St. Stephen's.

During normal business hours (generally 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.) the portico front door to the Parish Office are locked after volunteers leave for the day or if I am alone in the building - especially once it becomes dark. You can always gently knock on the door or call the Parish Office to be let in!

~ Elizabeth Pack