



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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

May 20, 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Our Sunday, we will have our usual worship services at 7:45 A.M. and 10 A.M. The readings will be:

- Acts 16:9-15
- Psalm 67
- Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
- John 14:23-29

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

This coming Sunday we will be studying THADDAEUS, THE QUESTIONER as Kalas describes him, at the Sunday Bible Study at 9 A.M. in the Parish Hall.



SUMMERTIME PSALMS

The Tuesday Adult Bible Study will begin a study of Psalms on Tuesday, **May 24, 2022, at 10 A.M.** in the Library.

If you are interested, just show up. In addition to the handout material available in

the class, we will make use of the Psalter in the BCP or your Bible. Also please note that the group may take a several week hiatus during the summer due to vacations, company, and the other distractions of Summer.



WEEKLY PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR PARISH MEMBERS

Charmaine Hensley
 Steve and Liz Herbes
 Charlie and Nancy Higdon
 Bob Hightower
 Brad and Ashley Hillis, Thomas

Please include these people in your prayers.

A PENTECOST & ORDINATION CELEBRATION

The Ordination of The Rev. Ashton Lane-Ross Sims will be next **Friday, May 27, at 7:00 P.M.** at St Stephen's Episcopal Church, Oak Ridge. All are welcome to attend! The service will be also livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

If you are interested in coming to the ordination, but don't drive at night, please let us know, and we will try to find a ride for you. Also, if you are willing to be a designated driver for the ordination, please let Fr. Bailey know!

ORDINATION CELEBRATION RECEPTION!!

Sunday June 5, 2022, after the ten o'clock service!!

If you are still able to provide the finger food item you previously signed up to bring, there is no need to contact me. I have you on my list!! Please let me know if your plans have changed and you won't be able to come with your finger food item. **THANK YOU**, my parish family, for your overwhelming support of Ashton's Ordination Reception!

As a friend of mine says, God can always untangle the tangles in our lives to bring us good things." We will joyously celebrate the goodness of Ashton's Ordination in God's time on **June 5, 2022**.

Please contact me, Jeanne Kring, with any questions about the reception at jbk4ut@gmail.com.



EYF

EYF will meet this **Sunday, May 22, 2022**, following the church service and lunch in the Parish Hall. Weather permitting, we will go on a hike. If it is rainy, we will stay at the church and play games (sardines, four-square, ping pong, corn hole, etc.). We may even go back to Sonic for ice cream! Pick-up will be at 3:00 pm. If we end-up staying at the church, we will have an earlier pick-up. We will make that decision on Sunday.

Although this Sunday marks the end of our regular EYF meetings until the fall, we are planning on getting together a few times over the summer. I will e-mail you later on with dates and activities once things are finalized. Thanks for your support this year. It's been a privilege being involved with such an outstanding and fun group!

UPDATED OFFICE HOURS

Beginning on **May 27, 2022**, the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays. Fr. Bailey Norman and Fr. Ashton Sims take Fridays as their day off (they alternate remaining on-call), and Elizabeth Pack, Parish Secretary, will be out during June, and possibly into July recovering from foot surgery.



The Parish Office will be staffed Monday through Thursday from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. by our volunteers and a familiar face from the past, former Parish Secretary **Carol Smith!** Thank you for your patience and understanding during this temporary change in office hours.



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BLANKETS+ CAMPAIGN

To help Ukrainians displaced by the war, please donate to the Blankets+ Campaign by **May 31, 2022**. The Outreach Committee will match the first \$300 in donations. Organized by Church Women United in Oak Ridge, the campaign will directly help women and children through Church World Service. CWS has a long history of working with families and protecting displaced children in Europe and around the world, and the need is great – 89% of the Ukrainian refugees crossing into Moldova, for example, are women and children.



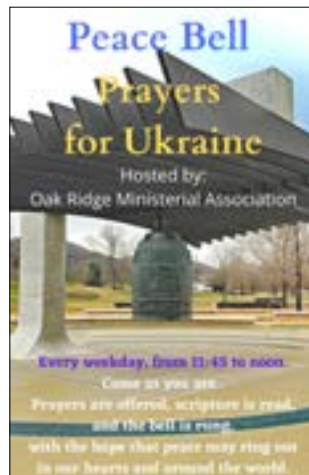
You may write a check to St. Stephen's with "Blankets+" on the memo line.

PEACE BELL PRAYERS

Prayers for Ukraine, hosted by the Oak Ridge Ministerial Association

Every weekday from 11:45 to 12 noon.

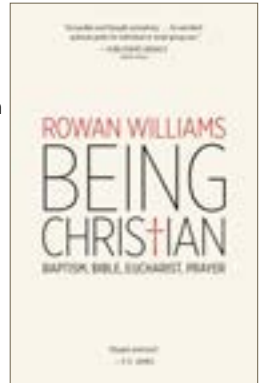
Come as you are. Prayers are offered, scripture is read, and the bell is rung, with the hope that peace may ring out in our hearts and around the world.



BOOK STUDY

Fr. Ashton will lead a short book study this Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 11:30 in the Pollard Room. He will discuss Chapter 2 of Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer by The Rt.

Rev. Rowan Williams. In this short, simple, yet beautifully written book, Archbishop Williams explores what he sees as the four fundamentals in the Christian life. It is no secret that over the centuries different expressions of the Christian faith have developed different understandings of baptism, Scripture, Eucharist, and prayer; however, he says that these four basic elements have remained constant and essential for the majority of those who call themselves Christian. 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. We have copies of the book available for \$10.



CLEARFORK LEARNING CAMP

Clearfork Camp is coming fast upon us. The dates are July 18-22. We will be looking for volunteers of all kinds to help each day of the camp that week. If you are interested, please contact Carol Gardner at 865-482-4674 or gardnerwc73@gmail.com.