



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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

April 29, 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP

This is the Third Sunday of Easter, and we are delighted to welcome the Bishop of East Tennessee, the Rt. Rev. Brian Lee Cole. We will have our usual service at 7:45 and at 10 a.m. there will be confirmations, receptions and reaffirmations. Our readings will be:



- Acts 9:1-20
- Psalm 30
- Revelation 5:11-14
- John 21:1-19



ORDINATION OF ASHTON SIMS

Ashton Lane-Ross Sims will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on **Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 11 a.m.** We are delighted to invite the congregation to celebrate his ordination!



We are also collecting a purse for Ashton's ordination gift. If you would like to contribute to his ordination gift, please indicate "Ordination Gift" on the memo line of your check.

FLUTE CONCERT

Angela Massey, Flute and Chee-Hang See, Piano present *"Appassionata"*

Join us for an exciting program with the highly acclaimed artists of the Astralis Chamber Ensemble, presenting expressive works from classical music. The concert will include Prokofiev's magnificent sonata, a French fantasy by Hübner, Beethoven's famous "Pathétique" Sonata; and an impressive work for piccolo by Matt Smith that has become an audience favorite.

Sunday, May 15, 3 p.m.



ORDINATION RECEPTION

The St. Agnes Daughters are hosting the Ordination Reception following the service but we need help from the parish! Please bring a finger food item for the reception, if possible, plated and ready to be put on the serving tables. **FINGER FOODS ONLY!** Here are some suggestions:

- Finger Sandwiches (chicken salad, pimento cheese, egg salad, ham & cheese; on bread, mini croissants, Hawaiian rolls etc.



- Fresh fruit plates
- Relish plates
- Hot or Cold dips with chips
- Barbecue meatballs
- Cheese Balls with crackers (gluten-free or regular)
- Assorted Cheeses with crackers (gluten-free or regular),
- Fresh Veggies with dip,
- Deviled Eggs,
- Banana Bread/ Date Nut Bread with cream cheese sandwiches
- Chex mix,
- Assorted Nuts.



NO DESSERTS! A dessert will be provided! Please email Jeanne Kring at jbk4ut@gmail.com by May 5th concerning the finger food item you are planning to provide so there is a balanced variety of finger foods! Thank you for your helping hands!

BARBEQUE FOR THE BISHOP

Parish Life is hosting a Barbeque for the Bishop on **Sunday, May 1, 2022**, and we are looking for side dishes like coleslaw, potato salad, vegetable salads, and desserts! The forecast is predicting thunderstorms with 80% precipitation...



so the reception will be held in the Parish Hall! Please [sign up](#) for the Spring BBQ to bring food items requested! Thanks!

WEEKLY PRAYERS

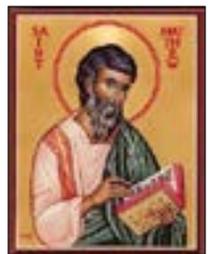
WE PRAY FOR PARISH MEMBERS

Jerry Hanna
Dean and Eileen Hartley
Cleon and Heather Hartman
Mitchell Gibbons
Pat Hartman

Please include these people in your prayers.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Sunday Bible Study will not meet on Sunday May 1st when the Bishop is visiting. We will resume on May 8, 2022, at 9 a.m. looking at **MATTHEW, THE SUCCESSFUL MAN.**





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EYF ON SUNDAY

As you know, this Sunday, May 1st is Confirmation Sunday. Please remember to be at the church by 9:00 am this Sunday. Bishop Cole wants to meet with us prior to the 10:00 am service. Following church, lunch is being served to the entire congregation to celebrate confirmation and Bishop Cole's visit. Therefore, we won't be having Sunday School and EYF this Sunday.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the service project at Ms. Martin's last Sunday. Ms. Martin's yard looked so much better. The results were evident. I know that Ms. Martin really appreciated your hard work. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday.

~Craig Brent

MITE INTO MIGHT!



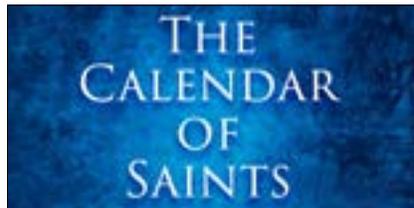
During Lent, we reintroduced the tradition of Mite Boxes, and this year's special offering was collected and blessed on Easter Sunday. A grand total of \$2,273.63 was collected, and will go to Episcopal Relief & Development, specifically to supporting humanitarian response to the crisis in Ukraine. These funds will help provide humanitarian assistance to refugees fleeing the country.

But the biggest question remains: How much does \$2,273.63 in coinage weigh?

THE CALENDAR OF SAINTS

Did you know that Fr. Bailey (and others!) are doing a marathon project called The Calendar of Saints on our YouTube channel? We are providing a short 5-10 minute video every day to commemorate a different saint that is recognized in our liturgical calendar. It's an interesting and meaningful way to have a daily devotion, and to learn something about some amazing people.

A fresh video is (usually) available every day at noon. Enjoy!



If you would like to record one of these videos, please get in touch with Fr. Bailey, Fr. Ashton or Elizabeth to sign up...there are plenty of saints to celebrate!

PEACE BELL PRAYERS

Prayers for Ukraine, hosted by the Oak Ridge Ministerial Association

Every weekday from 11:45 to 12 noon.

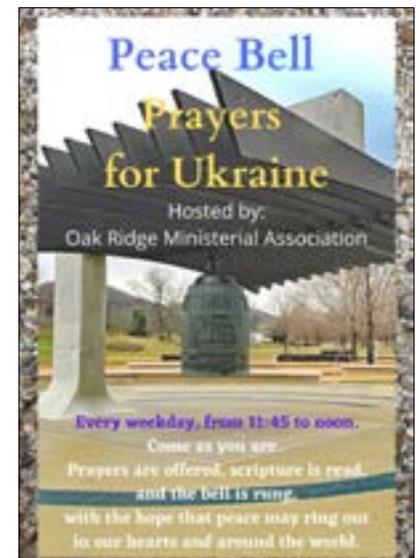
Come as you are. Prayers are offered, scripture is read, and the bell is rung, with the hope that peace may ring out in our hearts and around the world.

ALTAR GUILD MINISTRY



Whenever we come to church, we all see a beautifully set altar for Sunday worship, with hangings, frontals, vestments and liturgical accoutrements all in their places, in the proper seasonal colors. The Altar Guild is responsible for making everything just so in every church, and it's frequently called the "Stealth Ministry" since so much of the work is behind the scenes. If you would like to learn more about taking care of God's house and setting God's table, please let one of the Altar Guild team leaders know of your interest! Talk to Roni Boyd, Judith Delaney, Bonnie Nestor or Barbara Steele!

The Altar Guild is open to all — men and women — and a training will be scheduled for May for those interested.





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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.

VOCARE: MAY 20-22

College students and Young Adults are invited to join us for Vocare #2, **May 20-22, 2022!** Vocare is a renewal weekend for college students and young adults as they prepare to make significant decisions that will determine the course of their adult lives. We offer a series of talks, small groups, and reflection time. [Registration is available online.](#)

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

The Gifts & Memorials Committee wants to be sure that any **material donations and/or gifts** are appropriate and support the operations and missions of St. Stephen's.

Therefore, a Gifts & Memorials sub-committee has been established to preview and screen all potential material donations given to the church.

If you have an item you think is needed or would be useful to the church please contact one of the Gifts & Memorials committee members listed below who can answer any questions you may have regarding your donation.

The existing [relevant policy is C-10, Section II F.](#)

"Refers to the Material Gifts Sub-Committee for determination (of) all material gifts intended for use in the church such as furnishings, equipment, art, etc. provided:

1. That the gift is an item consistent with the décor and use of such items within Episcopal Churches,
2. That the acceptance does not increase the operating expenses of the Parish (for instance a vehicle). If that is the case, Vestry approval is required.

Note: Material gifts in some cases may be offered to heads of Parish committees and programs such as gifts of books to the Library, donations to the Archives, to the Kitchen, to Christian Education, etc. They may be accepted by them provided they meet these criteria and will not increase the operating cost of the church. If an acknowledgment or registry in the Gifts and Memorials registers is desired, Gifts and Memorials should be notified."

Dan DiGregorio, Chairman, Gifts & Memorials

GIFTS & MEMORIALS SUB-COMMITTEE

- Barb Bovee
- Barbara Neill
- Barbara Steele
- Deborah Clary

HERE I AM DAY RETREAT

Every baptized Christian is called to ministry. Sometimes God's call to us is clear; other times we need help to figure it out. On Saturday, May 21, 2022, beginning at 8:30 a.m., join Bishop Brian, Commission on Ministry members, and other ministry leaders to explore the many ways of living out a call to ministry in the Episcopal Church. [Learn more about Here I Am Day.](#)

