



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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

October 29, 2021

SUNDAY WORSHIP

This Sunday is the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost. Our readings for Sunday are:

- Ruth 1:1-18
- Psalm 146
- Hebrews 9:11-14
- Mark 12:28-34

We offer three worship services on Sundays: a 7:45 A.M. spoken service, 10 A.M. choral communion and livestream, and 1 P.M. outdoors spoken service, weather permitting!

At the 10 a.m. service, there will not be a Children's Chapel. Instead, Fr. Bailey will invite the children to come up to the chancel steps for a special Children's Sermon! Costumes welcome!

A NOTE ABOUT SUNDAY'S MUSIC

It is somewhat ironic that this Sunday marks both **Reformation Sunday** and **All Hallows Eve**, as both occasions have religious origin, steeped in church reform. Our organist, Simon Ballintoy, initially proposed marking the day by nailing 95 articles of candy to the narthex door... but there was much protest from Fr. Bailey. So, he has chosen some music instead! Our first hymn 'A Mighty Fortress', one of Martin Luther's most recognized hymns, is a paraphrase of Psalm 46. In addition, Simon has been practicing and perfecting the very recognizable *Toccata and Fugue in D minor* by Johann Sebastian Bach for a number of weeks, and will play this ten minute work after service. Please stay and enjoy this treat.

There will be NO Nursery this Sunday.

WEEKLY PRAYERS

We pray for Parish Members

Jeff and Robin Thurston, Delaney and Blair Marcia Todkill
Kimberly Toy, Joshua, Sarah, Catherine and Houston

Please include these people in your prayers.

STEWARDSHIP VIEWPOINTS: MOLLY JUSTICE

*"How do we change the world? One act of random kindness at a time."
- Morgan Freeman*

Stewardship means so many different things to so many different people. This past year has been a trying time for our parish, but we have shown resilience and have begun to thrive. How can we continue to do this? The first thing that comes to mind is to pledge, whether that be to a specific passion project you have for the church, or just the church overall. The second is to share your time and talents. After a year like this, coming together and helping those around us is exactly what we need. Whether that is ushering, cooking for our youth, teaching our youth, or just offering some help to another parish member. We can all change the world with one act of random kindness at a time.

~ Molly Justice



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 7, 2021

On **Sunday, November 7, 2021** we will read aloud the names of those who have died in the last year during the Prayers of the People. We will also have a written list of the faithful departed included with our service bulletin. If you would like to include a loved one's name, please send an email to Parish Secretary, Elizabeth Pack, at secretary@ststephensor.org, or call the Parish Office at 865-483-8497.



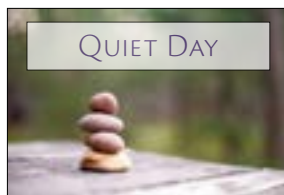
DOK QUIET DAY

On **Saturday, November 6, 2021**, the St. Agnes chapter of Daughters of the King, is sponsoring a quiet day. The event is open to everyone from everywhere. This year's theme is "Listening to God". The program will be led by the Rev. Claire Keene.

UPDATE: The program will run from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and lunch will NOT be served.

If you would like to attend, please contact the Parish Office at 865-483-8497 to let us know you're coming.

Please contact Nancy Caldwell 865-548-9871 with additional questions!



EYF

EYF will meet this Sunday, October 31st, and we have lots going on! We are responsible for preparing and serving lunch for the Sunday School kids. Since pancakes were such a big hit last time – and we have plenty of pancake mix – we will do a repeat performance. Please come to the kitchen by 9:45 A.M. this Sunday. I will get there around 9:00 A.M. to get things set-up. We need all hands on deck so I hope you can join us.

After Sunday School and kitchen clean-up, we will go bowling. Pick-up will be at 2:45 P.M. See you on Sunday!

~ Craig Brent



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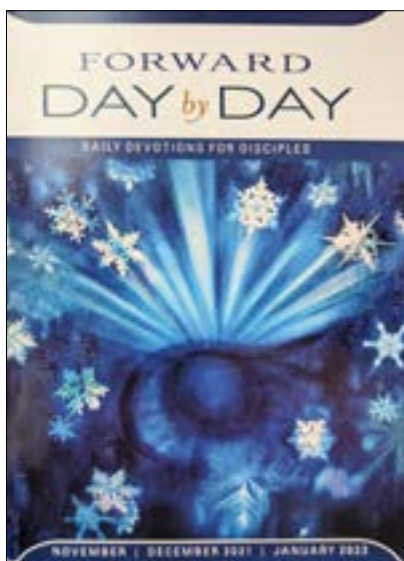
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FORWARD DAY-BY-DAY

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.



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 in case there are further questions.

~ Sherry Burchfield

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.

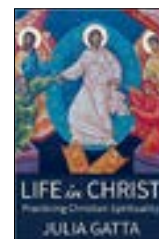
Donations can be made in the Parish Hall or the Narthex.

~ Sherry Burchfield

LIFE IN CHRIST

"Sanctifying Time in the Liturgical Round" is the focus for this week's study. Fr. Ashton will lead the discussion of Life in Christ: Practicing Christian Spirituality by Julia Gatta. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 11:30 A.M. We still have copies of the book available in the Parish Office!

~ Ashton Sims



ADVENT FAIR

Here's a date for your calendar. 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



SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS RESUMES NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Well, it's been awhile since we last met – about 17 months, I think, but with precautions such as masks and spacing, Fr. Bailey and I think we can safely resume the Sunday Bible Class.

We will begin on **9:00 A.M., Sunday, November 28, 2021** in the Pollard Room. This time we will be looking at the ministry of Jesus, using the short Bible Project videos, as we did for the last part of the Old Testament.

I look forward to seeing everyone. I hope you can make it.

~ Jack Campbell

