



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

...Where God is seen, love is felt and lives are changed!

June 18, 2021

4 Pentecost

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

Psalm 9:9-20

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

SUNDAY WORSHIP

It's the battle between David and Goliath!



This **Sunday, June 20, 2021** 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.

For the month of June, masks will be required for indoor worship. Every other pew has been block off to limit capacity and help maintain physical distancing.

LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST

Starting **August 15, 2021**, we will return to a new, permanent worship schedule: **7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m.** Both services will be indoors, in the Nave. More information will be forthcoming in the next several weeks. We hope you'll be as delighted as we are to worship together indoors!

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

We look forward to seeing you on our Sunday Evening **Social Hour at 5 p.m.**

[Join Sunday Social Hour](#)

Zoom Credentials:

Meeting ID: 829 7991 8885

Passcode: 799322



PASTORAL CARE

JOIN US AS WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

Judy Kidd
Adolf and Carol King
Mary Anne King

Please include these people in your prayers.

PLANT WATERING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

There is an Oak Ridger known to several members of St. Stephen's, who has mowed lawns, dog-sat, cat-sat, and people-sat for many of us for many years. She has also cared for the helpless or abandoned four-legged and two-legged of God's creatures all her life. It's our turn to help her.

She recently broke her left leg and left wrist. She has partial mobility with a walker but she cannot get in or out of her house without assistance. She has a very large collection of potted plants which are all outdoors and which need watering when the weather does not provide rain. We need one or more persons who could water the plants and one person who could coordinate all the waterers. She estimates that it would take 20 minutes to do the watering. The plants have a lot of shade, and can go two days or so without rain before they need manual watering. And, of course, this is a **limited time task** because in a few weeks she will be back on her feet and doing her own watering. Her house is in the west end of Oak Ridge. If you could help, please contact Vicky White, vickywhite@fastmail.fm. Thanks!



JUST A LICK OF PAINT!

Before the pandemic shutdown last year, Room 209 had water leakage into the room and suffered substantial damage. The water damage and leaks have been repaired, but in order to put the room back in full service it needs to be painted and the carpet replaced. We are looking for a few volunteers to repaint the room; the paint and painting supplies will be provided. We have engaged a company to replace the carpet but need to paint the room first. If you would like to help repaint the room please contact [Elizabeth Pack](#) in the church office at 865-483-8497. The Building and Grounds Committee will coordinate the work. Thanks for your consideration and help!

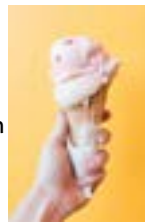


ICE CREAM SUNDAY

If you join us on Sunday, June 20th, we hope you'll enjoy a "Pop-Up" Ice Cream Sunday!

Members of our Parish Life team will be around after both services this Sunday with ice cream, weather permitting! We hope that you enjoy this sweet treat in the summertime!

~Rachel Kirk



SUMMER DIRECTORY

Our Parish Directory is never "finished"! It's time for our mid-year directory update, so if you have changes to your mailing address, phone number, landline or mobile number, and email address, please let the Parish Office know by sending an email to Elizabeth at secretary@ststephensor.org. It's a great help to keep this information up to date, and I appreciate everyone who shares their contact information!

~Elizabeth Pack



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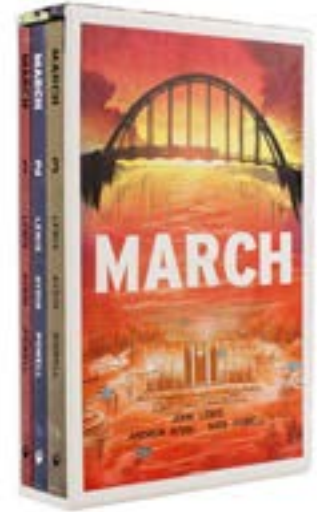
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EAST TENNESSEE READS MARCH BY JOHN LEWIS

Communities across East Tennessee are reading March by John Lewis during the summer of 2021. The March trilogy is an autobiographical black and white graphic novel trilogy about the Civil rights movement, told through the perspective of civil rights leader and U.S. Congressman John Lewis. The series is written by Lewis and Andrew Aydin, and illustrated and lettered by Nate Powell. In partnership with the East Tennessee Freedom Schools, our Episcopal Schools, and our parishes, the Diocese of East Tennessee is offering many ways to engage with the trilogy through interviews, discussion groups, reading camps, and even Godly Play stories. Visit the [Diocese of East Tennessee website](#) to watch an introductory video and check back for more content through the summer.

This offering is a joint partnership of the Diocesan Task Force on Becoming a Beloved Community, the Diocesan Task Force on Christian Formation, and the East Tennessee Freedom Schools.

At the end of the summer or early fall, participants will have the option to make a trip to Selma and share another aspect of this journey together. Between now and the end of summer, let's learn together!



SHUTTERBUG READING CAMP

We are busy in the planning stages of our Shutterbug Clearfork Reading Camp, and have created a list of items we need to have donated or borrowed. We also need plenty of volunteers!

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! Last week's E-News had an incorrect number for Carol!

HAPPY THOUGHTS: USE YOUR IMAGINATION

"What is imagination? ... It is a God-like, a noble faculty. It renders earth tolerable, it teaches us to live, in the tone of the eternal."

~ Ada Lovelace



BOOK SALE!

The Bookstore in St. Stephen's Parish Hall is having a closeout sale! All books are \$5! There is one section for free books, and any donations will go to the Outreach Food Basket Ministry. Get your summer reading here! Thanks for your support!



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