



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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August 27, 2021

14 Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalm 45L1-2, 7-10

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SUNDAY WORSHIP

This Sunday is the 14th Sunday after Pentecost, and we begin the second half of Pentecost. There will be two services of Holy Eucharist: **7:45 A.M.** (*spoken service*) and **10:00 A.M.** choral Eucharist in the Nave.

Christian Education classes and locations:

11:30 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD: ROOM 108

- Pre-K through 2nd grade

EPISCOPAL CHILDREN'S CURRICULUM (ECC) INTERMEDIATE CLASS: ROOM 204

- 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

EPISCOPAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (EYF) ROOM 202

- Middle School & High School Students

IN THE POLLARD ROOM:

- Liturgy of the Ordinary with Fr. Bailey

IN ST. ALBAN'S CHAPEL:

- Small Group Theology - Exploration with Jamey Kennedy

FOR SALE

For Sale: One slightly used Amazon Basics propane-fired patio heater, \$100, and one 20-pound propane tank, \$20. Please contact Brent Sigmon at 865-607-7015 or brentsigmon@mac.com

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Registration is open for **Education for Ministry (EFM)**, a four-year certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. The course starts in September and tuition is \$375 per year, with scholarships available.

Since 1975, EFM has helped the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Secretary, [Elizabeth Pack](mailto:Elizabeth.Pack).



WORSHIP TRAINING

We are scheduling a Worship Training day on **September 18, 2021 from 9 to 11 A.M.** Breakfast and plenty of coffee and tea will be available! We request all lectors, acolytes, eucharistic ministers, and ushers to attend. We have some new folks who are learning, and Fr. Bailey would like to give a refresher to our experienced servers! This is actually Fr. Bailey's first opportunity to meet with all of our worship team!

TIDYING OUR GROUNDS

Grounds Work Day, **Saturday, September 18, 2021.** Start early to beat the heat! We'll meet from **9 A.M. to 12 P.M.** to tidy and beautify our grounds.

Contact Nancy Carow 865-548-6109 or Brent Sigmon 865-607-7015 to sign up!



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us Tuesday at 10 A.M. in the Pollard Room for Bible study. This coming week we'll look at the attraction of tax collectors and sinner to hear Jesus talk about lost sheep and wineskins. Currently, the Bible study group is discussing the parables of Jesus.

PASTORAL CARE

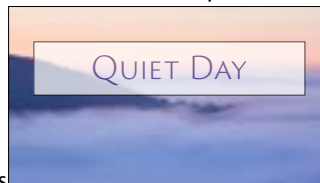
THIS WEEK, WE PRAY FOR PARISH MEMBERS:

John & Mary Lou Murphy
Don & Susan Nalls
Richard & Barbara Neill

Please include these people in your prayers.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please mark your calendars for a **Quiet Day**, on **Saturday, November 6, 2021**, sponsored by the Daughters of the King, and is open to all. This year's theme is "Listening to God", and the day will be led by the Rev. Claire Keene. More details to follow in the coming weeks. Please contact Nancy Caldwell 865-548-9871 with questions!



VESTRY NOMINATIONS OPEN

Our Annual Meeting is set for October 3, 2021. At that time, we will elect 4 parishioners to serve a three-year term on Vestry. You are invited to nominate candidates. You may make nominations to the church office or to the Nominating Committee (Nancy Anderson, Barbara Bovee, Judy DiGregorio and Lew Felton). Our By-laws specify that nominees should be adult, confirmed communicants in good standing. The nomination window closes on **September 19, 2021**, two weeks before the Annual Meeting. You may nominate yourself or others, with their permission. Think about it!





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PHOTO GALLERY: ORDINATION OF OUR NEW CURATE, THE REV. ASHTON LANE-ROSS SIMS

Ordination August 25, 2021



Photos courtesy of Brother Andrew Aelred