



Calendar for the Week

July 23, 2023 - Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Service bulletins for Sunday's 7:45 a.m. Spoken Eucharist and 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist will be available on the church's website [here](#).

Please join us as we welcome our choir back!

July 25, 2023 - Holy Eucharist + Healing Service - 11:30 AM

Welcome Back from London



Recently, our amazing St. Stephen's Choir performed at St. Paul's, Westminster Abbey, and Windsor Castle - and thanks to our Director of Music Simon Ballintoy, they were rewarded with sightseeing and adventures to last a lifetime.

I'm sure if you ask, they will share their own stories and pictures. Congratulations to all who traveled, including those who supported the choir at each performance!

Parish News for July 23-29, 2023

Upcoming Mass in the Grass - July 30, 2023



Mark your calendar - Our Senior Warden, Courtney Manrod, will be sharing her beautiful farm with us for a "Mass In The Grass". Courtney's farm is at 12913 Lovelace Rd. in the Hardin Valley area of West Knoxville-- a short 20 minute drive from Oak Ridge

You can get directions through Google Maps: [Directions to Mass in the Grass](#)

Everyone is encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and a picnic lunch for a time of fun and fellowship. Beverages and watermelon will be provided. Swimming and "East Tennessee's longest Slip 'n Slide" will follow!! (Don't forget your towels!)

THE OLE BALLGAME—Rescheduled Yet Again - Sunday, July 23



St. Stephen's has a new block of tickets for the game this Sunday, July 23rd, as the Smokies take on the Mississippi Braves. With school starting in Oak Ridge the following day, it's a perfect way to close out the summer!

Leah will be available between services and briefly after the 10:00 service on Sunday to take your payment. If you haven't reserved tickets, please check with Leah to see if she has any extras!

- Game time is 2:00 and the gates open at 1:00.
- Tickets will be available at the WILL CALL window.

If you cannot go on Sunday afternoon, do not worry! Your tickets will still be at the Will Call window when you can take in a game. Contact Steven Haselton at the Smokies (865-286-2304) for help.

Final Lemonade in the Grove - Sunday, July 23, 2023



With "Mass in the Grass" next Sunday, and Parish Life events on August 6 and 13, this Sunday marks the last Lemonade in the Grove for the year. Sunday School and Adult Christian Education will begin on August 20.

Please join us one last time for lemonade or iced tea and light refreshments--along with great fellowship--in our lovely grove.

Blessing of the Blessing Box - Tuesday, July 25, 2023 - 10:00 AM

Everyone in the parish is invited to the blessing of the Blessing Box this coming Tuesday morning, July 25th, at 10 o'clock. We will gather at the Vienna Street Entrance next to the parking lot that faces away from the office. Please join us if you can! We are looking for in-kind donations - **Blessing Box - Items Needed**

DIOET Licensed Lay Ministry Opportunities

All baptized Christians are called to ministry. Some of you, however, are called to be more deeply formed for specific ministries and licensed for more confidence and credibility in the practice in your parish.

The Episcopal Church in East Tennessee is now offering numerous formats for education of lay ministers. More information is available on the diocesan website: **'23-'24 Licensed Lay Ministry**

Please note that all classes have a minimum and maximum number of students, so timely contact is necessary to assure access to the various offerings. You will need to supply a clergy contact and/or a Vestry contact on the application. **Enrollment Deadline is Friday, August 4.**

Ministry Updates

This Week's Loose Offering

This week's loose plate offering will go to the Blessing Box.

Outreach News: Ecumenical Storehouse Fundraiser



Music by Wendel Werner and The Strange Relationship
Saturday, July 29, 2023, 7:00-9:00 PM (doors open 6:00 PM)
The Historic Grove Theater
123 Randolph Road, Oak Ridge, TN

From Last Week's E-News

Reminder: New Building Access Measures

On July 1, 2023, we implemented new building access control measures:

- The building will be kept locked, except during service arrival times. During these times, entry will be monitored.
- Ring doorbells have been placed at doorways. These can be used during office hours to assess visitors prior to building entry.
- All groups using the building must keep all doors locked. Doors cannot be left unlocked or unattended.
- Unfamiliar visitors must be accompanied while inside our facility and are not allowed to bring backpacks or similar items into the building.

Opportunities to Serve and Contribute to Worship

The heart of our common life at St. Stephen's is our worship, and the more people we have who share in this service, the stronger our worship is.

Here are some of the positions - there's something for everyone!

- Worship Participants - Acolyte, Altar Guild, Choir, Lector
- Worship Helpers - A/V Team, Greeter, Usher
- Worship Support Afterwards - Counters, Eucharistic Visitors
- Children's Chapel

If you would like to learn more, please reach out to either of our clergy, Fr. Bailey or Fr. Ashton.

Ongoing Church Events

Tuesday Bible Study - Pollard Room, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

The Tuesday Bible Study continues Prayer, a guided study by Tim Keller
For more information email james.rousey@aol.com.

Wednesday Men's Group - 8:30 AM

The Men's Group meets every Wednesday in the Pollard Room.

Thursday Contemplative Prayer (Zoom) - 4:00 PM

The Contemplative Prayer Group meeting continues its discipline of silent contemplative prayer. If you'd like to join us, feel free to call/text us (Steve Herbes: 865.250.9123; Liz Herbers: 865.228.2537)

Helpful Links

[Announcements and Weekly Schedule for July 23-29, 2023](#)

[Those Who Serve](#)

[Calendar of Events](#)

[News and Events from the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee](#)

To request after-hours assistance please call the church's landline, 865-483-8497, and follow the voice prompts to "Pastoral Emergency" (Option 2).

The church's office hours are 9:00 am to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Offices are closed on Fridays and weekends.

Please email articles, announcements, and photos for future E-News to editor@ststephensor.org. | Our deadline is Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.



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