



St Stephen's E-News

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The Return of the Evangel

We will be publishing the Evangel, St. Stephen's monthly newsletter, for the month of August 2023. Look for an email with links and more information on Monday, July 31, 2023.

Calendar for the Week

July 30, 2023 - Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

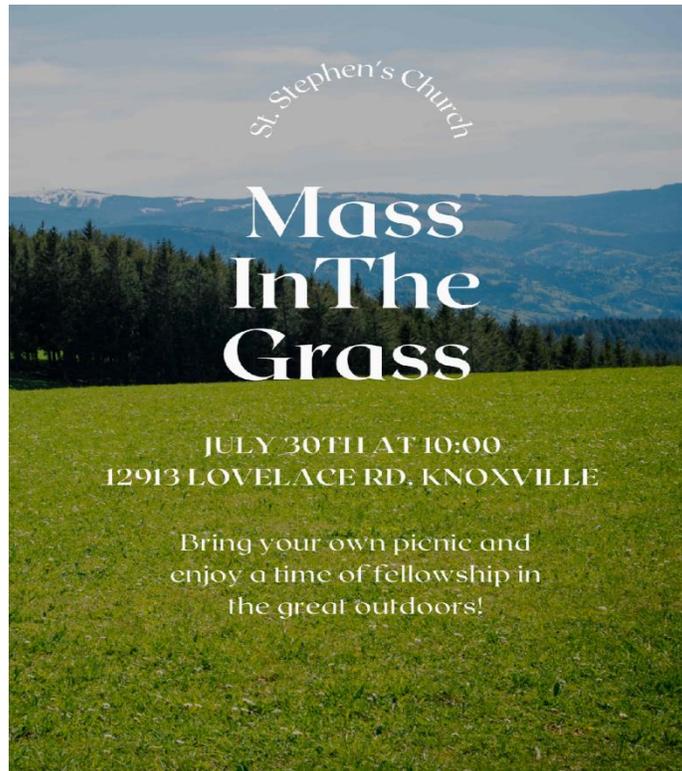
Service bulletins for Sunday's 7:45 a.m. Spoken Eucharist and 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist will be available on the church's website [here](#).

The 7:45 service will be held in the Nave at St. Stephen's and will be live-streamed. The 10:00 AM service will not be live-streamed, as it will be held offsite.

August 1, 2023 - Holy Eucharist + Healing Service - 11:30 AM

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Sunday 10:00 AM Service - Mass In The Grass



It's here! This Sunday we will celebrate our 10:00 mass in the great outdoors.

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](#).

A few reminders:

- It will be HOT! Please dress to stay cool.
- This is a BYOL event - Bring Your Own Lunch. We will have beverages and watermelon.
- Please bring your own seating - whether it be lawn chairs, blankets, or pillows. If you have extra chairs, we invite you to bring those to share (make sure to label them with your name)
- After the service, swimming and "East Tennessee's longest Slip 'n Slide" will follow!! If you plan on cooling off, please bring swim attire and towels as well.

This will be a wonderful way to enjoy worship and the fellowship of the church. We look forward to seeing ya'll there!

NOTE: In case of inclement weather, the service will take place in the Nave at St. Stephen's, with fellowship in the Parish Hall following the service.

Celebrate Our Children and the Blessings of the Backpacks - Sunday, August 6, 2023



**Let's Celebrate our
Children!**

August 6 at 11:15 in the Parish Hall

Blessing of the Backpacks during the
10:00 service followed by a reception
honoring our children in the Parish Hall.

Sponsored by Parish
Life and Christian
Education

Did you know that the number of children and young people at St. Stephen's has more than doubled over the past year?!

On Sunday, August 6, Parish Life and Christian Education are pairing up for a celebration of our children. All, young and old, who carry a backpack (or diaper bag) to school are encouraged to bring them to the 10:00 service where we will have a blessing of the backpacks. Afterward, we will be serving punch, cookies and cupcakes, and light hors d'oeuvres in the Parish Hall.

Please plan to join us!

Ministry Updates

Walk Over Wednesday Returns - Volunteers Needed



Walk Over Wednesday offers ORHS juniors and seniors a home cooked meal every Wednesday during the school year. The meal is served at St. Stephen's Parish Hall. Last year we had over 40 students at our last meal.

We are in need of stewards. With *FOUR HOURS per MONTH* on a Wednesday, you can help cook and serve WOW lunch to our high school neighbors. Please contact Judith Delaney, Leah Bailey, or Nancy or Jim Anderson for details.

This Week's Loose Offering

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

The Blessing of the Blessings Box



On Tuesday, July 25th, 2023, volunteers gathered to bless our new Blessings Box! Thanks to everyone who helped make this new outreach a reality.

In the words of our Junior Warden, Leah Bailey: *Notice the ray of light on the box?! God is blessing this endeavor, I believe!*

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 Herbes: 865.228.2537)

Helpful Links

[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.
