

September 13, 2024

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SERVICES

Sunday 8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite I
Sunday 10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite II
Live streamed on YouTube
Tuesday 11:30 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite I
and Healing Service in St. Alban's Chapel

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

· Sunday · Coffee and Conversation after services on 9/29

ONGOING CHURCH EVENTS

· Sunday · Coffee, Treats, Fellowship
Parish Hall · Post 8:00 AM Service
· Sunday · Lectionary Study for Adults
Pollard Room 9:30 AM
· Sunday · Storytelling for Adults in the
Parish Hall 9:30 AM
· Sunday · Sunday School · 9:30 AM
· Tuesday · Bible Study
Pollard Room 10:00 AM
· Wednesday · Men's Group
Pollard Room 8:30 AM
· Thursday · Contemplative Prayer
Via Zoom 4:00 PM

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK - DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The **Daughters of the King** (*DOK*) is an international and ecumenical community of women gathered within their respective congregations for the work of prayer, service, and evangelism. For St. Stephen's, our St. Agnes chapter of the Daughters has been active for many years, faithfully praying for the needs of our parish and offering a variety of ministries for our parish, most notably hosting receptions for funerals at St. Stephen's.

All women and girls are invited to be involved with the Daughters. They meet monthly after the 10:30 service (their next gathering will be Oct. 20th). Meetings are open to all. If you would like to learn more about the ministry of DOK or consider becoming a part of the order, please contact either of their co-chairs - Rebecca Cavender (rebecca.m.cavender@gmail.com) or Beth Reed (brussellreed@yahoo.com).



This Month's Open Offering recipient is **Together Podemos**

Together Podemos is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was established in April of this year. Our mission is to ensure that the Hispanic community has fair access to the resources available in the area. In addition, we provide workshops and programs that offer knowledge in social, civic, legal, and financial matters, as well as an understanding of the distinctive factors of the community, to encourage adaptability, empowerment, and integration to the community.

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Although we are newly formed, Together Podemos has already made a significant impact. We were able to assist approximately 22 families and 62 individuals, providing them with the necessary resources and knowledge to improve their well-being.

Additionally, we have worked in collaboration with other organizations to aid two families facing homelessness. For the second year in a row, we partnered with the Anderson County School system during registration day to assist Hispanic families with the registration process by bridging the language barrier.

We have also established strong partnerships with The Oak Ridge Family Justice Center, TORCH, Ecumenical Storehouse, KARM, YWCA, Centro Hispano de East TN, and the Catholic Charities of East TN. These alliances have significantly expanded our reach and impact, highlighting the strength and effectiveness that comes from working together as a community.

Please consider giving generously to Together Podemos. Your support will enable us to continue our vital work in alleviating the distress faced by the Hispanic community. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a significant impact. Together, we can create a brighter future.



Free Ice Cream!

Lolli and Bobo's Ice Cream Truck will pay us a visit Sunday the 15th after the 10:30 service in the Grove. (If we have inclement weather, they will serve from under the portico.) The first scoop is free, with non-dairy options also available. If you want another scoop, it will be \$2.50 each. Come and celebrate the last Sunday of Summer with us!



Blessing of the Pilgrims

On Sunday, September 22nd during the 10:30 service, the eight members of our congregation who are walking the "final push" of the Camino will be receiving a blessing prior to their departure on the 28th. They will return home on October 7th.



It's Fall Y'all!

Our next Parish Potluck will be following the 10:30 service on September 22nd – which is the first day of Fall. We will be having an Italian-themed Potluck, so bring out plenty of your favorite lasagna, pasta dishes, antipasti, salads, breads and desserts to share!

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PARISH DIRECTORIES!

If you would like an electronic version (**PDF**), please contact the parish office (865-483-8497) and we will send one to you via email. If you would like a paper copy, we will have them available on request from the hospitality volunteers during office hours.



CALLING THOSE WILLING TO HELP SHAPE THE MISSION OF ST. STEPHEN'S!

Have you ever thought about sharing your gifts as a leader of the church? Do you want to be involved in shaping the future of our parish? Vestry is the "board" of any Episcopal parish that works with the Rector in managing the daily needs of the parish but also in shaping its long-term goals and vision.

At our Annual Parish Meeting on October 27th, we will be electing four new Vestry members. We are looking for people who are interested in not only serving their parish but sharing and helping implement ideas for continued growth in our parish. We have a great group of people serving, and we want to continue to have a vibrant and energetic group.

In addition to being willing to act as a servant leader, you must be confirmed with membership at St. Stephen's and be a financial contributor to the church.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact our Vestry representative Beth Reed or Fr. Bailey. Even if you are only thinking about serving, we would love to share more about what the Vestry does.



The **Blessing Box Requested Items** this week are: **toothbrushes, toothpaste, liquid/bar soap.**



Do you have news for an upcoming issue of The St. Stephens's Messenger (e-News)?

Please send fully edited articles with all pertinent information, including dates, times, location(s), and contact information, to editor@ststephensor.org by NOON on Wednesday. Content for The Messenger is determined in consultation with clergy and staff



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