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## eNews for May 9, 2025

### SERVICES

Sun 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I  
Sun 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II\*  
Tue 11:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I and Healing  
Service in St. Alban's Chapel

\* Live streamed on YouTube™

### ONGOING CHURCH EVENTS

Sun 9:30 AM  
Lectionary Study for Adults · Pollard Room  
Sunday School · Aged Rooms  
Tue 10:00 AM · Bible Study · Pollard Room  
Wed 8:30 AM · Men's Group · Pollard Room  
Wed 6:45 PM · Choir Practice · Nave  
Thu 4:00 PM · Contemplative Prayer · Via Zoom

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

(see stories below for more details)

May 11 Youth Sunday  
May 17 St. Stephen's Spring Clean  
May 17 Smokies Game  
May 25 Mass In The Grass  
May 25 Lemonade in the Grove Returns  
May 31 Invite - Welcome - Connect Workshop  
Jun 8 Holy Ghost Weenie Roast - after 10:30  
Jun 22 Safe Church Training  
Jun 29 Parish Potluck

## Youth Sunday

Our Youth will assist with leading worship at our 10:30 AM service. Our guest preacher this year is Cyril Meredith IV. He will offer a homily at both services. We welcome Jesse Atkins, Diocesan Missioner for Youth and Young Adults, who will help lead worship!

Join us today after the service for a "kid-friendly" coffee hour in honor of our young people!

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## New Easter Adult Formation

### "The Spiritual Life" by Evelyn Underhill

"The average Christian has no notion at all of the mighty symphony which fills the universe, to which our lives are destined to make their tiny contribution, and which is the self-expression of the Eternal God." So writes Evelyn Underhill, one of the great Christian writers and mystics of the 20th century. During May, we will be exploring one of her great works quoted above titled simply "The Spiritual Life." It is a book written both for those who are new on the Christian journey and those who are more experienced. We are entering a season at St. Stephen's where we will be learning more about our call to contemplate God's presence in our lives (the contemplative life) and learning how to better faithfully listen to that call (spiritual direction). While there are many works which can help introduce this, I can think of no better than this short but powerful work of Evelyn Underhill. Copies of the book are available from the office.

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## Celtic Service SUNDAY!

Please join us here at St. Stephen's this Sunday at 5PM for this contemplative service of readings, prayer and music!

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## Lectionary Study

The Lectionary class at St. Stephen's is unique in that it is a discussion each Sunday about the Gospel that is in that Sunday's bulletin insert. It is also unique in that the class is led each Sunday by a member of the class. Recent leaders have been Roger Johnson, Steve Damos, Emily Doane, Gary Dreier, Mary Ellen Klots, Joseph Womble and Father Bailey. If you'd like a better understanding of the Bible (who doesn't), come to a Lectionary class on Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Pollard library.

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## **Financial Status with Courtney Manrod**

Make up sessions to discuss church finances will be held in the Parish Hall between the 8:00 and 10:30 services this Sunday and next Sunday.

Look for Finance Committee reps in the Parish Hall ready to share information, answer your questions and receive your input.

Please drop by!

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## **Bring a Lawn Chair!**

Weather permitting, the 10:30 service on May 25 will be held in the grove. Lemonade and light refreshments will follow.

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## **Financial Planning Workshops**

Interested in gaining more tools to help with your finances? Please sign up for one, or both, of the upcoming financial planning workshops. Check out the website for more information: [www.ststephensor.org/fpw](http://www.ststephensor.org/fpw)

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## **Gearing Up for Annual Spring-Cleaning Extravaganza!**

Let's come together to clean our beloved parish home. All parishioners are invited to help clean and organize St. Stephen's on Saturday, May 17, 2025, starting at 10:00 AM. We'll gather in the Parish Hall to go over the day's tasks and divide up responsibilities. To sign up for specific tasks, please use the online sign-up link provided or sign-up sheets are located in the hospitality area, bulletin board outside the Nave and in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, feel free to ask. We hope to see you there—many hands make light work!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NQK6WVT>

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## **Smokies Tickets**

Today is the last day to purchase baseball tickets for the 7:00 game on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the new Smokies Stadium. They are \$30 each, which includes a \$10 voucher for food and/or beverages, or items in the team store, and will be sold in the Parish Hall after both services. Come out and enjoy an evening at the new Covenant Health Stadium with your St. Stephen's family!

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## **Loose Plate Offering**

For the remainder of the month, the Loose Plate Offering will go to the Blessing Box.

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## **Blessing Box Requested Items**

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Blessing Box! Please remember the Blessing Box when you shop. This week, we are requesting donations of peanut butter, canned soup, saltines/crackers and cereal. They can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

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## **Do you have news for an upcoming issue of The St. Stephen's eNews?**

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