



## St Stephen's E-News

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## Calendar for the Week

### August 13, 2023 - Eleventh 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](#).

Both services will be held in the Nave. The 10:00 service will be live-streamed.

### August 15, 2023 - Holy Eucharist + Healing Service - 11:30 AM

## Sunday, August 13, 2023 - Honoring Adam Ballintoy

***Committed to preparing lay and ordained leadership for service to the Episcopal Church and the world.***

So states the website of the Sewanee: The School of Theology. Since 1878, this Episcopal Seminary has been ordaining those who answer God's call to service. Each year approximately 170 students are drawn to this intimate Christian community - and once again, one of St. Stephen's own will be there!



After the 10:00 AM service, please join us in the Parish Hall as we honor Adam with our well-wishes as he begins the next stage of his journey in Christ.

We're supplying the pineapple ribs, a few hamburgers and veggie burgers, and cheesecake (Adam's favorite dessert.)

**Please bring sides to share that are typical barbecue fare:** slaw, potato salad, pasta salad, deviled eggs, baked beans, fruit salads, etc.

In addition, Adam has a wish-list on Amazon for those in the parish who wish to contribute. You can find the list here: [Adam's Seminary Wish List](#)

Sunday, September 17, 2023 - Free Ice Cream!



## St. Stephen's Choir in the News

Our globe-trotting choir was featured in the Oak Ridge on Thursday, August 10, 2023. Congratulations to all who journeyed - both choir members and supporters - and for those of us who didn't make the trip, this article follows their travels from Oak Ridge to England to sing at Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral and St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.

Click [here](#) to read more!

## Ministry Updates

### Christian Education News - Returning This Fall

Christian Education is excited to announce this year's Catechesis class and 3 Episcopalian Children's Curriculum classes for our parish children. Check out room 209 - we're putting on the ritz and making the classrooms shine.

New to this study year will be a "practice altar" and a Bible Timeline in each classroom. Simple altar linens and communion sets will be provided with the goal of teaching the correct name of each item, their use and significance.

Our Youth Ministry for 6,7, & 8<sup>th</sup> graders is scheduling a once a month gathering for outings, activities, and service projects. Please call Sherry Burchfield at the church to schedule your opportunity to plan and lead a gathering.

Please help us by completing the Annual registration and photo release forms as soon as possible. These can be brought to class or dropped off at the church office.

## Wednesday Night Suppers - New This Fall

This fall Adult Formation will be hosting a Wednesday Night supper with adult classes and activities for kids. The evening will start at 5pm with promises that everyone will be on their way home at 6:30pm. More information soon!

## Walk Over Wednesday - Volunteers Needed!



School has started - and with it, our Walk-Over-Wednesdays (WOW), serving high school juniors and seniors! If you are interested in joining, please contact Judith Delaney at [delaneyj01@bellsouth.net](mailto:delaneyj01@bellsouth.net).

## This Week's Loose Offering

This week's loose plate offering will go to The Compassion Closet.

For those of you unfamiliar with The Compassion Closet, it is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer led, and 100% donor funded organization. Its mission is to help foster parents with the necessities needed for the emergency placements of foster children. Founded in Knoxville in 2013 by a couple who had been helped as new foster parents, it has now grown to 5 locations, including the one in Oak Ridge.

Please support this wonderful organization help Foster Parents provide the necessities for children placed in their care. If you contribute online at [www.ststephensor.org](http://www.ststephensor.org) or with a check, please clearly designate Compassion Closet as the recipient. Thank you!

## Memorial Garden Renovations

In the next few weeks, the Memorial Garden will get a long-overdue renovation of the block wall. The renovations will include repairs to deteriorating blocks and repointing of grout. Once that work is done, the wall will be painted with paint designed to preserve the wall for years to come.

Through the hard work and careful stewardship of Nancy Carow, Brent Sigmon, and many others over the years, the Memorial Garden is a place of peace and beauty where all are invited to reflect and meditate among the blooms and foliage and to experience a portion of God's gift of creation.

## Support our Blessing Box - This Week's Request

Last week, we received generous donations of peanut butter. This week we're looking for: **Canned Fruit, Applesauce Cups, Crackers, Jelly**

Of course, we welcome any donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries. Donated items may be placed in the bins located in the Narthex and Hospitality Room, or directly in the Blessing Box.

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## 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](mailto: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)

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## Helpful Links

[Those Who Serve](#)

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

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**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.

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