



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

WHERE GOD IS SEEN, LOVE IS FELT, LIVES ARE CHANGED.

September 30, 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 2 is the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Both the 7:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services will be held as planned. Links to this week's service bulletins are below.

[7:45 a.m. Spoken Service](#)

[10:00 a.m. Choral Service](#)

WEEKLY PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR PARISH MEMBERS

Allan Reiss and Jamey Kennedy

Pat Reuss

Wayne and Mary Rhoades

Jeffrey and Sandi Robertson, Brian

Jim and June Rousey

Please keep these people in your prayers

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 2 AND 9 | ANGLICAN HEARTLAND SERIES TO BE HELD

Due to Oak Ridge City Schools' Fall Break, St. Stephen's will not hold Sunday School classes on October 2 and 9.

The Heartland Series will be held following the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, October 2. Since last week's forum was cancelled, this week we'll focus on 16th Century English theologian Richard Hooker. A short biography of Hooker ran on page 2 of [last week's E-News](#).

BLESSING OF ANIMALS SET FOR OCTOBER 8 (WITH CORRECTION)

A quick correction to last week's announcement about the Blessing of the Animals scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 8: It is only a drive-through event if it is raining.

If the weather is good, the blessing will be held as normal in the Grove near the St. Stephen's Labyrinth. In case of rain, the Service will be moved to the portico - outside the church's office doors - as a drive-through event; animals should then remain in the owners' vehicles.

To avoid animal conflicts, persons should keep them under their full control, on a leash or in a travel crate or cage if needed.

In addition, we encourage children to bring not only live pets but any stuffed animals or "lovies" that they would like to have blessed as well. Stuffed animals do not require any restraints.

Finally, anyone bringing snakes or reptiles should allow a few seconds for Father Ashton to compose himself before he gives the blessing.

The Blessing of the Animals is held close to the October 4 feast day of noted animal lover St. Francis of Assisi. It is a marvelous opportunity for parishioners to invite others to join this fun experience.

ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONED

Originally scheduled for October 2, the Annual Meeting and Parish lunch have been postponed. The church will announce a new date soon.

Because the meeting is postponed, St. Stephen's will hold both the 7:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services on October 2.

PARISH BARBECUE PICKUP SET FOR OCTOBER 2, AND . . .

Barbecue will be available for pick up this Sunday following the 10 a.m. service in the Parish Hall.

If you have not pre-paid for your order, please bring cash or check with "BBQ" in the memo line.

. . . ADDITIONAL LIMITED QUANTITIES OF BBQ AVAILABLE

Regretting your decision to not order barbecue?

Adam Cavender will prepare some additional barbecue and make it available on a limited first-come basis this Sunday in the Parish Hall following the 10 a.m. service.

The cost is \$15 a pound while supplies last. Please plan to pay with cash or check.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING MEETS OCTOBER 9

Please join us at our next Daughters of the King meeting on Sunday, October 9 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall for an afternoon of laughter with our very own author and humorist Judy DiGregorio.

All Parish members are invited to come, bring a friend or two, and listen as Judy shares some of her humorous stories and wisdom. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

PASTORAL EMERGENCY CONTACT

Fr. Ashton Sims will serve as the contact for Pastoral emergencies until further notice. You may reach him at 334-730-2132.

Please do not call the church offices for an emergency outside business hours, 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Nursery volunteers are urgently needed for October 16 and 30 and December 4.

Nursery Supervisor Maggie Dudman does all the heavy lifting and takes care of all the "smelly business." The volunteer serves as a second pair of eyes to be compliant with Safe Church/Safe Community.

We must comply in order to offer Nursery care. Please call Sherry at 865-661-9413 to schedule your volunteer time.