



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

...Where God is seen, love is felt, lives are changed!

June 8, 2018

Ireland Trip

"Ireland Trip:" Simon Hogg and the choir are planning a trip to Ireland in 2019. If you are contributing money for this event, please write **"Ireland Trip Ticket and Tour"** or **" Gift to Ireland Trip"** on the memo line of every check that you contribute for this purpose. Remember the IRS only considers charitable "a gift for which nothing tangible is received."

Summer Music

During the summer our NewSong musicians will lead our liturgy on the first and third Sundays of the month. We recently purchased enough copies of Wonder Love and Praise, A Supplement to The Hymnal 1982, to fill our pews. This purchase was made possible through our Music Memorial Fund. If you would like to donate to this fund, simply mark your check 'Music Memorial'. It is my hope that this resource will enrich our services with music old and new. Please join us on the first and third Sundays when we will use our new 'green' hymnals during our 10am service, led by NewSong. Simon Hogg, Director of Music.



Lift Your Voices

Clearfork Camp

June 11-15 & Thur. June 21 & 28; July 12, 19 & 26

Our week-long camp at Clearfork begins on Monday. Volunteers, supplies, lesson plans, games, books, food, snacks, owls, geodes, music, art, science experiments, microscopes, goggles, and lab coats are all in place. We welcome any additional volunteers who want to join us - just come on up!



What is needed now are your prayers for a fun, successful camp.

Almighty God,
heavenly

Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Movie Night



...With so many PhDs in Oak Ridge, it has often been referred to as "an island in Appalachia", especially in the early days. However, many parishioners still have strong connections to family and memories in nearby Appalachian areas. But, either way, "Coal Miner's Daughter" is a movie that starkly brings the bleakness of Appalachia home to us, as it tells the story of Loretta Lynn's life there and her struggles to escape it. Sissy Spacek and Tommy Lee Jones do a terrific job in bringing that story and Loretta Lynn's music to life. Academy Awards include Best Picture, Best Actress, and Best Cinematography. So come out this Thursday, June 14 at 6pm in to Parish Hall and treat yourself to a great movie and fellowship. Be sure to bring a friend; we'll bring the popcorn.

Father's Day

On June 17 between 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.

the Parish Life Committee will honor our fathers with breakfast. The Parish is invited.

Join us in the Parish Hall.

Food Baskets for June

Food collection for the summer food baskets has begun. You may leave the food in the cart by the side door, in the cart in the narthex, or on the stage.

Food items are: rice, beans, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, boxed cereal, peanut butter, jam/jelly, apple juice, granola bars, crackers, cheese and crackers, peanut butter crackers, graham crackers, soup, spaghetti O's, canned fruit, green beans, corn, and applesauce.

Non-food items are: toothpaste, bath soap, laundry soap, paper towels, and toilet paper.

Monetary donations will also be accepted (please mark them "Food Baskets"). Distribution is June 30.



Tai Chi

A new beginner's group for Tai Chi instruction will begin Tuesday, July 10th at 1:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

The continuing class will meet at 2:30 p.m.. This Yang style, 108 movement exercise has been shown to improve balance and range of motion. Tai Chi is considered an internal martial art and also serves as a walking meditation. We will learn with each person's limitations in mind. Let me know your interest by phone or text at 200-2172 or via email at rogerjohnson9@gmail.com.



Pastoral Care

JOIN US THIS WEEK AS WE PRAY FOR Liz Johnson; Ray & Ann Johnson; Roger & Deb Johnson; Charles & Virginia Jones; Kevin & Cindi Jones. *Please add these names to your prayer list.*

Sermon

This week we find Jesus' family and the scribes together wondering if Jesus has lost his mind. He has been casting out demons and is now accused of being a cohort of Beelzebul (Satan himself). Of course, we twenty-first Christians don't even believe in Satan, so what are we to learn from a story like this? Well, don't be surprised if there is some singing on Sunday. You remember the song from childhood, right? I have the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart. Down in my heart, down in my heart. I have the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart to stay. And the next verse is, And if the Devil doesn't like it he can . . . ? See you Sunday. Fr. Lovett

Upcoming Training - Eucharistic Minister

We are holding training for those who feel called to serve God in the role of Eucharistic Minister/Chalice Bearer on Sunday, June 17, after the 10:00 a.m. service. The training will take only one hour. Please consider if you may be one who is ready to serve in this role for St. Stephen's. Call the office to get on the list.

Storehouse

I would like to again extend my appreciation to St. Stephen's for their support of the Ecumenical Storehouse, both financially and with the volunteer support. May activities went very smoothly. Each day we had adequate volunteers for the number of clients that showed up for assistance. A special thanks goes to Laura McGavin from the Latter Day Saints for running the volunteer desk. Also, our own Lillian Howard took charge of the telephone desk, answering questions and recording every pickup that was requested. Our Saturday truck crews did an exceptional job of bringing in the donations and even making several runs. Along with their "ride a longs" the following brought in tons of household items: Roger Johnson, Cameron Ellis, Mike Stevens & Eleanor Stevens, Tom Clary, Chuck Estes, Brian Bovee, Eph Klots, Ann Scappaticci, and Jim Anderson. We had a total of 27 volunteers from our church, other churches, and the community that helped clients select items they needed. Our director, Debby Jordan, is greatly appreciated for her dedication during our time of service.