

St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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

FEBRUARY 8, 2019

ADULT BIBLE CLASS



Adult Bible Class is completing a study of Abraham in the Book of Genesis. On

February 24, it will begin a brief series on **Isaac**. **Isaac** was a patriarch of the Jewish nation, fathering Jacob and Esau. Jacob's 12 sons would go on to lead the 12 tribes of Israel. This is a good opportunity to improve your knowledge of the Christian-Jewish religions. We hope you will join us. Contact Jack or Mary Nell Campbell if you would like a book.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

"COME - EVERYTHING IS READY"

Come lend your heart and hands and voice in celebration of the World Day of Prayer,



Friday, March 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Nave. Women of Slovenia have written this year's worship, challenging us to widen our circles and inviting us to follow prayer with action. Sponsored by Church Women United, hosted by St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.



EYF

This week, EYF is headed to the Tyson House at UT for Dinner and Worship! We will meet at the church at 5:00pm, and leave at 5:15. We will be back at church at 8:30pm.

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PASTORAL CARE

Join us this week as we pray for

Craig Brent; Irma Brown; Jamie Burnham & Gay Marie Logsdon; Sherry Burchfield; Nancy & David Caldwell

Please add these names to your prayer list.

CULTIVATING MINDFULNESS

Steve Herbes will present the 2nd of a 4-session series entitled "Cultivating Christian Mindfulness" this Sunday morning in the Parish Hall at 10:10. This week's session will include the health effects of mindfulness practice, an overview of the historic roots of prayerful mindfulness in Christianity, and a brief introduction to one established Christian mindfulness method.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Every baptized Christian is called to ministry.

Sometimes God's call to us is clear; other times we need help to figure it out.

On **Saturday, March 9**, the Diocese of East Tennessee will host its first annual



Here I Am Retreat Day. This program is intended for anyone who is discerning a call to licensed lay ministry, the vocational diaconate, or the priesthood. It will include remarks by the Bishop, panel discussions with lay and ordained ministers, and opportunities for prayer and fellowship. All individuals who have begun a process of discernment within their parish are expected to attend, along with their sponsoring clergy. Others who are just beginning to explore a call, and who would like more information about different ministries and tools for discernment, are also encouraged to participate. Register by February 22. The cost for the retreat is \$20 – [register here!](#)

FOOD BASKET COLLECTION

Spring distribution is March 9, 2019.

Please place your contributions in the carts near the office area, the nave, or on the stage in the designed areas.



FOOD ITEMS: cornmeal, flour, sugar, rice, dry beans, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, boxed cereal, instant oatmeal, peanut butter, jam/jelly, apple sauce, fruit juice, granola bars, cheese crackers, peanut butter crackers, graham crackers, cake mix, cake icing, instant pudding, raisins

CANNED ITEMS: fruit, green beans, corn, peas, mixed vegetables, tuna, chicken, soup, Spaghetti O's

NON-FOOD ITEMS: toothpaste, bath soap, laundry detergent, dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, trash bags

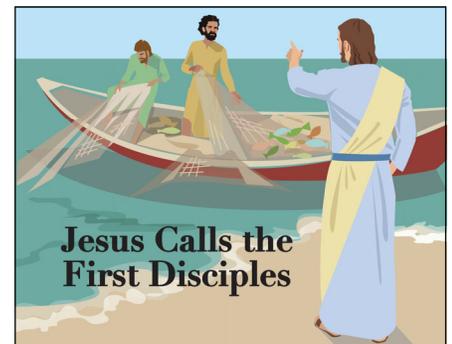
Monetary donations will also be accepted (please designate "Food Baskets").

SERMON

I can't remember when I first heard the soundtrack from the play "The Rock and the Rabbi." It was an off-Broadway musical from 2000. It is the depiction of this Sunday's Gospel lesson plus a bit more of the Simon and Jesus story. Every time I listen to that soundtrack I get chill bumps and can hardly hold back the tears. There are a couple YouTube videos that you might want to check out. The first one is the [call of Simon to follow](#). The second one is entitled, "[You Are The Christ](#)." We are going fishing, and there is always a catch.

See you Sunday.

† Fr. David



ECUMENICAL STOREHOUSE

St. Stephen's will be responsible for the Ecumenical Storehouse for the month of February. The [Ecumenical Storehouse](#) has developed a new website. Please visit it to get a good understanding of our operation. Since we serve clients on Monday and Friday, more people are visiting on these two days to be served in locating needed household goods. We will need more volunteers now than in the past. I will be there to get you signed in and have a name tag for you, so we can all call each other by name. If possible, arrive by 8:15 on these two mornings. If you need to arrive later, that will be fine. Check the parish hall for a table I have set up by the stage to introduce you to the Storehouse. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. [Jim Kring](#) 865-851-9994.