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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Parish Life Event – Smokies Baseball Game –
Tue. Jun 4 @ 7:00 PM
Safe Church In-Person Training – June 9
Clearfork Learning Camp – July 8-12

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mass in the Grass – Sunday, May 26

Trinity Sunday celebrates the doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We will have a celebration of Holy Eucharist in the Grove, weather permitting. Please plan to join us, and bring a lawn chair, wear your sunscreen, and stay for our first Parish Potluck.



The Priest is In

Have a question you have always wanted to ask? Is something on your heart? Good news, the priest is in! This Sunday will mark the beginning of a fun, new project in which, once a month, one of your priests will be available for coffee, conversation, and questions during St. Stephen's coffee hour following the 10am service. Perhaps there is a point of theology or Scripture about which you have always wondered, or perhaps you are curious about the men behind the collar. Well, this will be your opportunity to ask! For this inaugural session of The Priest is In on Trinity Sunday, both Fathers Bailey and Ashton will be in attendance.



LET'S GO SEE THE TENNESSEE SMOKIES!

Parish Life will be selling tickets to the June 4th Smokies game after the 7:45 and 10:00 services in the Parish Hall, and in the Grove (weather permitting) after the 10:00 services. Tickets are \$21 a person and include a \$10 voucher which can be used for concessions, or in the team store. Tickets must be purchased in advance. **Please note: Smokies Stadium is a completely cashless venue. Parking is \$5 per car and must be paid for by credit/debit card.**

SERVICES

SUN 7:45 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite I Live
streamed on [YouTube](#) (spoken)
SUN 10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite II
TUE 11:30 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite I and
Healing Service in St. Alban's Chapel

ONGOING CHURCH EVENTS

Tuesday Bible Study
Pollard Room 10:00 AM
Wednesday Men's Group
Pollard Room 8:30 AM
Thursday Contemplative Prayer
Via Zoom 4:00 PM

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The Blessing Box is May's Loose Offering Recipient

The Blessing Box is addressing a real need, being used daily. It provides these items 24/7 to those who may have run out of food, or have been unable to purchase hygiene/cleaning items that are not covered by Food Stamps (SNAP).

We ask the parish to please continue to provide ongoing support through in-kind donations and/or monetary donations that will be used to purchase needed items. Donated items may be placed in the red wagon located in the Narthex, in the box in the Hospitality Room, or directly in the Blessing Box. If writing a check or donating online, please designate that it is for the Blessing Box.

This weeks requested items are: individual peanut butter and canned meats.



No-Cost Grief Support Group

Anyone in the parish who has experienced the recent, or not-so-recent, death of a loved one is invited to participate in a *grief support group* this summer for members of St. Stephen's. The group will meet weekly for seven weeks, beginning in June, either in the early afternoon or early evening, depending on the preferences of the group participants. Sessions will include some educational materials, as well as extended time for sharing of thoughts, feelings, and experiences of the group members.

The group will be led by Steve Herbes, MSSW. Steve is a retired professional counselor who has led more than 40 grief support groups during the past 25 years. During the past two decades Steve has experienced again and again, the *power of a support group to help grieving persons heal*.

The group will be limited to 12 persons, but we still have a few more spots available. If you have questions or are interested in participating, please let Fathers Bailey or Ashton, or Steve (via email: stephen.herbes@yahoo.com) know.



Lemonade In The Grove Returns June 2!

Weather permitting, starting on June 2nd, we will be serving Lemonade and Iced Tea, along with light refreshments, in the grove after the 10:00 service. This St. Stephen's tradition will continue throughout the summer!



Hospitality

Beginning in June, Beth Bailey will be assuming the leadership of the hospitality ministry and coordinating our volunteers. We want to extend our thanks to Barbara Steele who has been heading up this ministry for the last five years. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Beth Bailey. Her email is baileydb1@comcast.net

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Safe Church In-Person Training

Emily Kirk, the diocesan Safe Church coordinator, will offer an in-person Safe Church/Safe Communities training on June 9, 2024 at St. Stephen's following the 10:00 church service. In-person training takes about 4 hours. A light lunch will be provided. In order for there to be enough food, there will be sign-up sheets in the Hospitality Area, the Narthex, and the Parish Hall.

If your last training was 2021, you are due for a refresher course. If you have a key to the building or work with our youth in any capacity, you are required to have this training. You can also access the training on your computer. If you are unsure of your current status or need the log-in information for the computer version of training, please contact Judith Delaney at delaneyj01@bellsouth.net.



Clearfork Camp

The Clearfork Camp Committee is busy preparing for the 2024 camp, July 8-12. Our theme this year is Stewardship. One of the days our focus is stewardship of the environment. We plan to do crafts with empty plastic water and soda bottles of all sizes and ask for your donations. Please leave the bottles in the Clearfork box on the floor of the Mailroom, across from the Nursery. We are also asking for donations of healthy snacks, for example, peanut butter crackers, beef jerky, fruit roll ups and other fruity snacks, etc. And, as always we need volunteers to help with activities and supervision. For more information, contact Cameron Ellis, 865-414-7542, r.c.ellis@comcast.net



Altar Flowers

All Sundays in June are available for sign-ups. We also have two Sundays open for the Ambry Candle. If you would like to give in memory or in thanksgiving for, please contact the parish office, or mark your name on the schedule outside the parish office. Costs currently run at \$85 for two floral arrangements, and \$5 for an ambry candle. For more information on this ministry, please contact Barbara Neill.



Do you have news for an upcoming issue of The St. Stephen's Messenger (e-News)?

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

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