St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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

February 4, 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP

On the fifth Sunday after Epiphany, and our readings will be:

- Isaiah 6:1-13
- Psalm138
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- Luke 5:1-11

Fishermen Simon, James and John are amazed at their catch after Jesus tells them to let down their nets into deep water. This Sunday, we learn how



Jesus turns fishermen into fishers of men.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

The Sunday Bible Class will meet this

weekend! While the writings of Mathew, Mark and Luke are similar in many areas

of Jesus' life, John's writings are dissimilar. John admits that he omits much of Jesus' life, but he also



covers a good bit that the other Gospel writers omit – such as: wedding at Cana, meeting with Samaritan woman, raising of Lazarus, and the confrontation with doubting Thomas among others. Take a look at home at a <u>Bible Project video</u> and then come to class Sunday at 9am in the Library for light discussion. We hope to see you then. ~Jack Campbell

WEEKLY PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR PARISH MEMBERS

Craig Brent Irma Brown Sherry Burchfield Jamie Burnham David and Nancy Caldwell

Please include these people in your prayers.

EPIPHANY BOOK STUDY

The book study resumes on Sunday, January 30, 2022 over Zoom at 11:45

A.M. - email reminders with the Zoom meeting link will be sent on Sunday morning!

Fr. Bailey will cover with Chapter 4 of "<u>Reading</u> <u>While Black: African</u> <u>American Interpretation</u> as an Exercise in Hope"

by The Rev. Dr. Esau McCaulley.

THE LIFEGIVING HOME

We yearn for a place of belonging and becoming. A lifegiving haven of warmth,

rest, and joy that will bless everyone who enters it. A welcoming respite in an isolated culture. We long for a Lifegiving Home. Join us on a new path to creating special memories for your children, establishing



God-centered traditions, and cultivating a loving atmosphere your family will cherish all their lives. This book study will be led by Emily Doane using the text, <u>The</u> <u>Lifegiving Home</u> by Sally Clarkson.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Our own Steve Herbes is a retired licensed counselor who works with

persons experiencing loss and life transitions. The **Grief Support Group** provides persons an opportunity to understand the grief experience in a safe, supportive



community in which to express and explore their grief. The Grief Support Group will meet on **Mondays for seven** weeks from February 21 to April 4, 2022. The group will meet via Zoom from 6:30 P.M. to 8 P.M.

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MORGAN SCOTT PROJECT

Help needed: Morgan Scott Project for Cooperative Christian Concerns

The Morgan Scott Project serves the needs of the elderly, disabled and unemployed in Morgan and Scott counties. These counties, not far from us, are among the poorest in TN.

First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge (FUMCOR) has been delivering food (provided by Second Harvest) to the Morgan Scott Project in Deer Lodge, TN for decades. They have recently asked St. Stephens for help with this ministry. Our Outreach Committee would like to heed this call from a neighboring church and commit to deliver the food to the Morgan Scott Project on the 4th Friday morning of each month but we need your help.

We are looking for a few volunteers to help load the truck here in Oak Ridge at 8am on the 4th Friday of the month. We also need at least one more driver (insurance requires driver must be age 79 or below) and a 2nd person/helper for each trip. Our goal is to get at least two 2 person delivery teams. Our first delivery will be on Friday, February 25th.

If you think you can help in some way or want to get more information about this important ministry to feed the hungry please call or write John Murphy (865-256-6859, <u>murphy5698@bellsouth.</u> <u>net</u>), Mary Anne Morse (865-272-3738, <u>mamorsell@aol.com</u>) or leave your name and number in the church office. Thank you.

EYF

EYF will meet this Sunday, February 6th following Sunday School. We haven't gotten together since before Christmas due to COVID so I hope you can make it this Sunday! We will have a relaxing afternoon eating popcorn and watching a movie in the Youth Room. Pick-up will be around 2:30 P.M. I hope you can attend.! It will be great to see you again!