

August 9, 2024

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SERVICES

SUN 8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite I

SUN 10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite II

Live streamed on YouTube

TUE 11:30 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite I and
Healing Service in St. Alban's Chapel

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Backpack Blessing – August 11th

Rally Day – August 25th

ONGOING CHURCH EVENTS

· Sunday · Coffee, Treats, Fellowship
Parish Hall – Post 7:45 AM Service

· Sunday · Lemonade in the Grove
After 10:30 AM service

· 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

Daughters of the King Installation and Back to School Blessings

The St. Agnes chapter of Daughters of the King will have a brief installation service this coming Sunday, August 11th, during the 10:30 am service. Rebecca Cavender and Elizabeth Reed will be installed as co-Presidents, Sara Norman will be installed as Secretary, and Susan Meredith will be installed as Treasurer. These new officers will serve the chapter for a three-year term.

While Oak Ridge Schools have been back at school for a few weeks, schools in our surrounding area are just now getting started. This Sunday, August 11th, we want to encourage all of our children and youth as well as all of our educators to bring their tote bags, backpacks, or briefcases to the 10:30 service for a blessing. And, in keeping with the back-to-school theme, Lemonade in the Grove after the 10:30 service will have lunchbox-style refreshments!

Our Walk Over Wednesday (WOW) lunch ministry for the ORHS juniors and seniors has started and continues throughout the school year. If you are interested in volunteering your time preparing and/or serving lunch one Wednesday a month, please reach out to one of our weekly coordinators: Jim Anderson, Leah Bailey, Judith Delaney or John Murphy.



Blessing Box Requested Items

This week's requested items are: **canned fruit and crackers.**

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Outreach's Quiet Ministry

Did you know that volunteers from St Stephens are part of a ministry that delivers food to the Morgan Scott Project in Deer Lodge? Every Friday a truck, loaded and driven by volunteers delivers food, provided by Second Harvest, to those in need in Morgan and Scott counties. For over three years, men from St. Stephen's have assumed responsibility for this delivery on the 4th Friday of every month (each church takes one Friday a month). The time and energy put forth by the men of St Stephens to help make this happen is inspiring.

For more information about the Morgan Scott project go to morganscottproject.org. If you would like more information about St Stephens role or think you might want to participate in this ministry, contact Liz Herbes at 865-228-2537.



The **Loose Offering** for the month of August is TORCH

TORCH (Tennessee Out-Reach Center for the Homeless) is a non-profit whose mission is to rapidly house the homeless and help stabilize the family once placed. Since its opening in 2013, TORCH has continued to grow as it strives to meet the growing homelessness in Anderson County.

In 2022, TORCH served 386 adults and 236 children, comprising 164 families and 125 individuals. Services include: advocacy, basic needs, bus tickets, case management, emergency shelter, food, gas cards, housing, hotel/motel, material goods, street outreach, referrals, rent deposits, rent assistance, safe housing, utility deposits and utility assistance.

In March 2022, TORCH achieved a long-term goal of building three duplexes, named Bookhart Village, at 128 Hamilton Circle. Our own Judie Liby spearheaded and supervised this entire process. Bookhart Village provides rent-free transitional housing for families in four 2-bedroom units and two efficiencies. Oak Ridge Housing Authority manages the properties and provides necessary support as the families work towards self-sufficiency and obtaining permanent housing. For more information, visit: <https://oakridgetorch.org/>

Please give generously so that TORCH can continue to work to alleviate homelessness in Anderson County.



Do you have news for an upcoming issue of The St. Stephens'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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