

October 18, 2024

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SERVICES

Sunday 8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite I
Sunday 10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite II
Live streamed on YouTube
Tuesday 11:30 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite I
and Healing Service in St. Alban's Chapel

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 27th · Holy Boo-Charist (see below)

ONGOING CHURCH EVENTS

- Sunday · Coffee and Conversation
Parish Hall · *After Both Services*
- Sunday · Lectionary Study for Adults
Pollard Room 9:30 AM
- Sunday · Storytelling for Adults in the
Parish Hall 9:30 AM
- Sunday · Sunday School · 9:30 AM
- 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

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

EVANGELISM

Evangelism is, at its basics, the sharing of the Good News. The staple ministry of our evangelism is Bread Upon the Waters, our newcomer ministry (our greeters with the green name tags!) which greets and becomes an initial point of contact for our newcomers. Beginning this fall, we are introducing a ministry called Invite, Welcome, Connect which stresses the added importance of reaching out to people about our church and then, on the other side, developing a more comprehensive way for new members to find their place within the wider community. Evangelism is the work of the entire congregation, not just a handful of people. But we are always looking for people who love to talk to others and would love to take an intentional role as an evangelist. If you are interested in serving more deeply with Evangelism, please contact Fr. Bailey at rector@ststephensor.org.



Holy Boo-Charist 🧛‍♂️

Next Sunday, October 27th, we will have our 2nd Annual Holy Boo-Charist. Young and not-so-young are encouraged to wear their costumes to the service.



This month, the **Open Offering** goes to the **Our Ministry in Haiti**.

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THANKSGIVING DINNER - RSVP!!!

St. Stephen's will once again host a parish/community Thanksgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day, November 28. We will celebrate Holy Eucharist at 10 AM with the meal following at 11. As you start making your plans for the holiday season, please consider joining us and your fellow parishioners for this feast. The main courses (turkey and ham) will be provided. Each participant will be invited to bring a side dish to share. A link to RSVP and sign up for side dishes will be sent out later this month.

In addition, please feel free to invite anyone who is not a member of St. Stephen's to join us. This meal is an outreach opportunity to include those who may be hungry, grieving, or lonely this holiday season. We simply ask that you RSVP on their behalf so that we make sure we have enough food.



INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. STEPHEN'S?

As our parish continues to grow, we have a large number of new folks who have blessed us with their presence over the past year. Bishop Cole will be here for his annual visitation on Dec. 22 this year. Leading up to that, Fr. Bailey will be offering classes beginning in November for those who are considering confirmation and/or joining St. Stephen's. You do not have to make that commitment just yet, but if you have any interest in this or simply learning more about our parish and the Episcopal Church, please let Fr. Bailey know at rector@ststephensor.org. This applies as well to any members who are looking for a refresher in their faith!



SUPPORT HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF

While there are numerous ways to help those devastated by Helene's winds and rain, Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) is an organization that is trustworthy and effective in assisting communities in need. If you would like your dollars to go directly to the work on the ground, please go to www.episcopalrelief.org and click on DONATE!



The **Blessing Box Requested Items** this week are: **Canned Meats, pop-top preferred. (Think Vienna Sausages of Chef Boy-R-Dee.)**



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.