

August 23, 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

Ministry Fair – August 25<sup>th</sup>  
Rally Day – August 25<sup>th</sup>

### ONGOING CHURCH EVENTS

- Sunday · Coffee, Treats, Fellowship  
Parish Hall – Post 8:00 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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### August 25<sup>th</sup> – The Ministry Fair

Please join us on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> to learn more about the ministries of St. Stephen's! This is an event that is not just for our newcomers (although it is especially geared for them!), but it is a way to see the breadth and depth of the ministry of St. Stephen's. You can learn more about all of our ministries, ask questions of representatives who will be there, and sign up if you are interested in serving at any of them! Refreshments will be served during that time. This will run in conjunction with Rally Day, which will take place following the 10:30 service that day (see the next announcement!). Hope you can be here for this special day! During the Ministry Fair on Sunday morning, look for “leftover” bookstore items for sale. This will be the *final clearance of jewelry, rosaries and other items* that were part of the bookstore inventory. All proceeds (given in memory of Judy Kidd) will go to support the Blessing Box.



#### What is Rally Day?

Rally Day celebrates the upcoming start of Sunday morning classes for Christian education for children, youth, and adults. It marks our friends and family coming back together after the lull of summer for Christian formation, worship and fellowship. We will observe Rally Day on August 25<sup>th</sup> with our Monthly Potluck in the Parish Hall following the 10:30 Service. Please bring a dish or two to share with your St. Stephen's family.

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### **Holy Conversations**

Please join us for Holy Conversations Weekend on Aug. 30 or 31, an opportunity to learn how to engage in deep and substantive conversations on difficult topics sponsored by the Oak Ridge Periodic Tables. You may select either event to go to: Friday Aug. 30 from 4-6 PM at The Grove Theater, or Saturday from 12-2 pm at St. Stephen's. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP for the date you wish at [oakridgeperiodictables.com/holy-conversations](http://oakridgeperiodictables.com/holy-conversations). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Fr. Bailey at [rector@ststephensor.org](mailto:rector@ststephensor.org).



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.



### **Blessing Box Requested Items**

*This week's requested items are:* **dish detergent, kitchen/bath cleaning supplies, and bathroom tissue.**



### ***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](mailto:editor@ststephensor.org) by NOON on Wednesday. Content for The Messenger is determined in consultation with clergy and staff